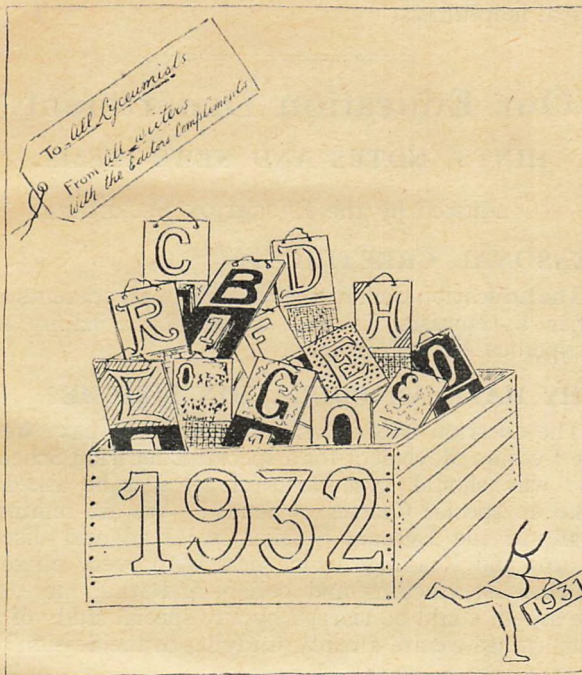


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This picture will not bring you gold,  
Nor lead to wealth and fame,  
But if you find the motto old,  
And want a worthy name,  
You'll fairly play the game of life,  
And find the maxim good,  
To cheer you on against all strife,  
And bring true brotherhood.

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We beg to record our heartiest thanks and appreciation to Mr. W. T. and Mrs. E. Coleman and the children for their advertisement and financial help to the BANNER and the general work of our Union during their visits to Lyceums and Churches during the past year.

## New Year's Greetings.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Lyceumists Everywhere,

Once again we stand on the threshold of another year, with the essence gained from the past we should be able to face the future.

What sort of a year are we going to make of 1932? The future is always in our hands, and one thing we cannot evade is our responsibility.

As Lyceumists, whether old or young, we are largely responsible for the success or failure of the Lyceum movement, according to the attitude we adopt in achieving the various projects that have been launched to stabilise the financial position of the B.S.L.U.

Would it not be grand and inspiring to have the whole-hearted support of every Lyceumist for the year 1932? Just think of it! for one whole year the Lyceum Union to have your undivided attention at least one hour per week. Your goodwill, your sympathy, and your willingness to serve, through your Lyceum or District Council, in whatever capacity you are capable of.

Thus, I would implore you, that amongst your resolutions you will include your determination to support, in a practical way, the 1d. per week scheme and so help to make a sound and efficient movement. I venture to predict, even though the chances seem small, that we would be a long way towards the 100% efficiency and perfection which we so much admire and regard as our "Ideal."

How many of you would not have us try and make this effort? Just one year's work and see the results. You would not be disappointed, I am sure. The secret to make this effort a success is co-operation and love. We all have a little of the latter in some direction or another and in varying degrees.

If we manifest it along the right line of action, then shall we shew our Progress.

Education too, is another important feature to remember. The B.S.L.U. primarily stands for the education of the Child. This, properly done, is another solution towards our world peace of the future. Therefore, if we aim for improvement, socially, intellectually and spiritually, we shall become contributors towards a constructive and efficient movement.

Shall we be successful in achieving the above? The answer lies with you, individually and collectively. Where there is Love there is Enlightenment, Constructiveness and Progression.

Accept my loving greetings and good wishes to all for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year in all your undertakings.

EDITH ELLIOTT.

A medium may make a little wealth but all the wealth in the world cannot make a medium.

## Founder's Day Programme.

(To be observed on Sunday, Jan. 24th, 1932).

Compiled by a Lyceumist on behalf of the Management Committee.

Lyceumists All,

Although many of us may vary in our opinions as to time-honoured customs and their uses, one feels always conscious of a general approval and acceptance of the spirit of "GOODWILL" to each other.

In this New Year I am most grateful for the opportunity to extend to you all, from the youngest to the eldest, a sincere wish of that Goodwill. It is amplified by the fact that during this first month we, as Lyceumists, celebrate the Birthday of a Movement which has meant a great deal to human kind.

On January 24th you are asked to commemorate the 60th Birthday of the "Children's Progressive Lyceum." Will you make that day one of happy and loving remembrance of not only those who gave it birth and those who thereafter sustained it, but of your own personal associations with it, and all that it has meant to you and yours.

On occasions such as these there is joy in the thought, inexpressible by words, that the whole movement is participating in a programme of Session in "unison" with each other, which cannot fail to strike the "harmonious" cord in our hearts.

Whilst in this sense of nearness, we draw closer to us those who gave their "all" for our heritage. What are we prepared to do in return? What of the future movement?

In full and sympathetic appreciation of all the hardships and difficulties with which we individually and collectively are confronted during these most abnormal times, we must of necessity do our utmost to see that "Our Union" has the necessities on which to live.

The time for sentimental sympathy is past, we must be practical.

In appealing for that practicability on behalf of the £2,000 Effort Fund, may I do so in the hope that you will do your utmost to swell the collections on January 24th and send them along as a token of your gratitude and as a Birthday offering.

To those who are "strong" be glad to show your "Strength." "Weak ones," do your best!

The Effort Secretary is eagerly anticipating a record response to this appeal; will you please help to make it so?

Also, whenever you are taking advantage of the many ways of raising substance for your needs, will you spare a little each time to establish more soundly "your cause" nationally. No matter how small the amounts, they will be gratefully accepted.

All donations to Mrs. J. Reynolds, 118, Cremorne Street, Nottingham.

### PROGRAMME.

Thought for the day: "Help makes Happiness."  
Opening Song 363. (S.S. 92.)  
Invocation.  
Silver Chain 78.  
Musical Reading 231 (Tune: "Rimington").  
Golden Chain 148.

Marching and Callisthenics.  
Short suitable reading by Conductor.  
Individual efforts.  
Closing Song 306 (S.S. 123).  
Benediction.

"May we learn through the Lyceum how to live lives of real helpfulness."

## Our Education Department.

### HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

### SEASONAL GREETINGS.

The Education Committee extends to all students and other Lyceumists its best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

### WHY HAVE AN EDUCATION SCHEME?

The question is often asked: What need have we in the Lyceum Movement for a special Education Scheme, and why should Lyceumists of all ages be asked to take up special Courses of Study? We are reminded that, in the Lyceum Session, we read and discuss Chains and Readings which deal with every phase of Spiritualist teaching and belief—and what more, we are asked, could be learned by any special study of the very things we are already studying in the Session?

### ITS INFLUENCE ON OPINIONS.

The reason is very simple. The Session discussions very often run on the same lines, and every time any given Chain or Reading is discussed the same people express more or less the same opinions—so it would seem that the Lyceum discussion has not resulted in any very noticeable change of the opinions of those who took part. The seeming cause of this is that, in the Session, there is not time for any speaker to say much about his opinions, or to *give any reasons* for holding them. In the Examinations each student has three hours in which to answer five questions, which allows over 35 minutes each for the student to state his opinions in full *and justify them*; and in preparing for this, without the natural feeling of opposition aroused by others having expressed other opinions, many students have realised that their opinions are not as sound as they had thought. In fact, quite a number have confessed that their special studies have changed many of their opinions on matters of importance, and in other cases the Examiner's comments on the Answer Papers have opened up new points of view, and new avenues for careful thought.

### IT "SORTS OUT" OUR KNOWLEDGE.

There is another reason. Many of us know plenty about Spiritualism, but our knowledge is not connected in any way, and we are very often beaten in an argument, *about things we know well*, by not being able to think of our telling points when we most need them. The studies in the Five Grades of the Education Scheme cover a course that sorts out all this knowledge in our minds, so that the instant any point is raised all we know about it is ready for our use. Even for this

alone the Education Scheme is worth consideration. The General Secretary will send a copy of the *Syllabuses of Work*, and of a booklet on *How to Prepare for the Examinations*, to any inquirer who sends 1½d. in stamps. Send along for them and examine the Scheme for yourselves.

#### IT GIVES OUR JUNIORS A GOOD START-OFF.

The declared object of Lyceum teaching is to develop the self-confidence, self-reliance and self-expression of Lyceumists—and, even if the adults are satisfied that they do not themselves require any training in these important qualities, we think they will agree that with the children such training is essential.

The surest way to self-confidence is assured knowledge, which also brings self-reliance and the courage for self-expression; and in the Oral Grade Scheme our young Lyceumists become acquainted with useful items of information, which prepare a good foundation for their future work in the Lyceum. In the Senior Section they are asked to learn four Silver Chain Recitations and the Answers to the 34 Questions set out (and answered) in the Oral Grade Catechism. In the Junior Section they have to learn only two of these Silver Chains and 16 of the Answers. All who obtain forty marks are presented with a Certificate, and the Entry Fee is only 3d. A Leaflet fully explaining the Scheme can be obtained, for a ½d. stamp, from the General Secretary or the Oral Grade Secretary.

#### ISN'T IT WORTH WHILE?

Don't you think, now, that the Education Scheme, in all its Grades, is worth working for with all your ability and enthusiasm? If you do not care for sitting at the Examinations, cannot you help by being a Tutor? Everything you do will be a help and encouragement to others; and being able to say that you have gone—or are going—through the Scheme yourself will be a strong argument to use when trying to persuade others to take up the studies.

Please think it over. The Movement needs you and your knowledge and enthusiasm. If not yet prepared, isn't it worth while preparing to play your part with satisfaction to yourself and with benefit to the Spiritualist Movement?

#### THE 1932 EXAMINATIONS.

In the December issue Mrs. Paling explained all about the S.N.U. Examinations, and appealed that all qualified Lyceumist students should take part. This month I want to add an appeal for support of our B.S.L.U. Examinations. They will be held during the week-end of 8th May, and the Education Committee is hoping for a record number of entries—and sitters. In previous years the number of non-sitters has worked out at as many as 1 in every 4; this year we want it to drop to, at the most, 1 in every 10. It is very discouraging to Tutors when the students on whom they have spent so much time fail to turn up for the examination.

Last Conference made two very important changes in the rules governing Examination Entries:

1. A fee of 3d. must be paid for every Oral Grade student entered for the Oral Grade Examination; and
2. Instead of 1s. for postages and 1s. for a copy of the

Results Book, every Lyceum sending entries must pay a fee "for Examination Expenses" of 2s. 6d. This fee will include postages and the supply free of one copy of the Results Book. Lyceums requiring more than one copy must pay an extra shilling per copy.

A supply of Entry and Fee Forms, with full instructions for use, will be sent out about the beginning of February by the General Secretary.

#### SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### TWO BOOKS.

There was a delivery of two books presented at the LYCEUM BANNER office by the same post. One book was "And After," by H. Dennis Bradley. The other book was "Psychic Adventures in New York," by Dr. Neville Whyment.

The Bradley book was an alleged exposure of Mr. Valiantine, the American "direct voice" medium. Mr. Bradley has bid farewell to the Spiritualist movement. From the heights of his exuberance he washes his hands of the "cult." His jibes at the mediums and the "tin churches" are not worth further comment.

It is pleasing to turn to Dr. Whyment's record of sittings with Mr. Valiantine. He produces an amazing record of the "direct voice" which gave what was claimed to be a number of messages from Confucius.

"As the voice went on," writes Dr. Whyment, "I recognised that the style of Chinese used was identical with that of the Chinese Classics, edited by Confucius two thousand five hundred years ago."

The latter book is published by Morley & Mitchell Kennerley, Junior, 22, Essex Street, London, W.C.2. 2s. 6d. net.

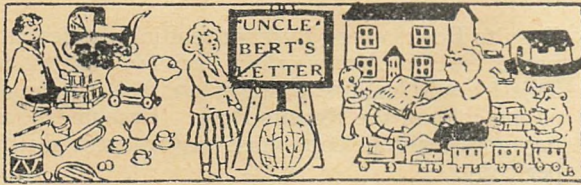
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#### BLACKBURN

St. Peter St. Church and Lyceum send their  
*SEASON'S GREETINGS*

to all Lyceums and Lyceumists at home and abroad.

Mr. Tom Wood, *Hon. Sec.*



My Dear Boys and Girls,

Although I am afraid some of you will not get your BANNER until the New Year is a few days old I want you all to imagine it being New Year's Eve.

As a very special favour you have been allowed to have an extension of time for sitting up to see the Old Year out and the New One in.

With the aid of a few match sticks to prop your eyes open and some extra strong field glasses you have endeavoured to see the change take place. Just as your head was nodding you heard the Church Bells chime one - two - three - four - five - six - seven - eight - nine - ten - eleven - twelve. Hooters from factories, whistles of Railway Engines made such a din that you sat up to take notice. Alas, a New Year had entered and with all your careful preparation you did not see it arrive. What a shame.

After you have had a sleep I propose to take you all for a walk with me and to everyone we meet we will extend greetings by word or thought.

Here we are then all merry and bright. Having had a good breakfast we will now set off for our walk. I wonder who we shall meet, don't you? Here comes a lady. Get your hands on your caps ready, boys, for a grand salute. Why it's our President, Miss Elliott; all together one-two-three, A Happy New Year Lady-President, may progress and success attend your efforts during 1932.

We now come to a knotty problem for you girls, but to overcome it I think you had better just throw a kiss for it's the Union's Secretary and Editor of this jolly old magazine.

Look! Look! see that young imp following on his heels, is it a boy imp or a girl imp? I don't know how to tell the difference do you. Never mind, a cheer for the imp. Oh who can this studious looking chap be just coming past the bookshop, and who are those people with him. Why its Mr. Connor, of London, and the Education Committee. We'll get our own back by giving them a test greeting, pretend we're Welsh aye "Raeywenyppaha". That's got them guessing.

Here comes another little crowd, they have all got different letters on. Why its the M.C., we'll greet them by saying jolly good luck to you all.

Now I think we will make a call here. I wonder who will answer the door—Mr. and Mrs. Kitson—cheers. May blessings attend you throughout the year.

You see those offices over there, that's where the BANNER is printed. Those men have more letters than A.N.S.C. to deal with, we wish them well.

We cannot go any further now, but there are heaps of people we have not met who we should like to greet so we must send them a New Year's card, Lyceum Conductors, Secretaries, U.D.C. Workers, Overseas Lyceum Friends in Hospitals, Home and Institutions, District Council Workers, Officers and members of the parent church, greetings to them all. May their pathway be bright and cheery, says you!

Ah just a moment before we part, here are some of your school chums coming along.

What was that I heard you say Johnnie? "You would rather punch that big boy on the nose than wish him a Happy New Year," because he called you an unwelcome nickname last week.

Oh no John, no John, no. Such a spirit as that will never do to start the New Year with.

Come "Shake and let us be friends" should be the spirit surely, for what we sow we reap.

Therefore if we send out unkind thoughts we must be prepared for the same to be sent back to us in return. That's fair isn't it.

It is like having a garden and sowing seeds. However careful we are a few weeds get mixed up with the flowers, but we do not like them when they come up, do we? Pansies being the symbol for thoughts, we will sow the seed with care in the garden of our heart for 1932. As soon as ever we see one little weed coming along to spoil the flowers we will pluck it out by its roots. It is not always easy boys and girls to forgive those who have been unkind to us, it is far easier on the surface to return evil for evil.

Let us think for a moment we are each building up something "a noble character." Every brick laid must be well and truly laid, not a fraction of an inch out or the whole is faulty. Let each thought represent a brick.

Let me give you another illustration. Some of you boys learn carpentry at school, draw a straight line on a piece of wood, start to saw it, after a few strokes of the saw you get off the line, only a fraction it's true, but continue and where does it lead to? Half an inch out at the finish.

One unkind thought may only be a fraction out with our ideals or resolutions, but in the end WHAT?

Thus let our New Year greetings to all be true and kind, than happiness will come our way.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE 176.

1. Make home pleasant.
2. Trip lightly.
3. Pass it on.
4. Clap your hands for joy.
5. Good-night.

PUZZLE 177.

My first is in green, but not in black.  
 My second in hour, but not in second  
 My third in Rest, but not in work  
 My fourth in Year, but not in Day  
 My fifth in Teak, but not in Oak  
 My sixth in Ink, but not in pen  
 My seventh in End, but not in start  
 My eighth in song, but not in Chorus.  
 My ninth in Success, but not in failure  
 My whole is What I give to you.

Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris join me in thanking you for your letters and cards.

We are just about to start off on our round of New Year's parties amongst Lyceumists, next month I shall have to tell you all about them. In return I shall expect letters from you telling me all about your new toys and the parties you attend.

I am sure it will be a jolly month for us all.

With love and greetings,

Ruberrondo,  
 126, Woodlands Rd.,  
 Isleworth, Middx.

Your loving friend,  
 UNCLE BERT.

## £2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists,

How the time speeds along. Since presenting my last report, there have been no contributions to hand, and so I must wait patiently and see what the New Year will bring.

I would really like to see a grand record for Founder's Day. Shall we make another big effort and aim for Founder's Day, 1932, to bring us by our Special Collections, the minimum of £10 towards our £2,000 Fund.

If every Lyceum will do its share, by sending something in cash, for this one day, irrespective of what each may have done in the past for this Fund, I am sure we shall succeed in attaining our objective.

I once again earnestly appeal for your whole-hearted support by asking you to celebrate Founder's Day in this way.

It might be interesting to note that the total contributions for 1931 have amounted to £14 8s. 3d. It has been a very quiet year indeed, but best thanks are extended to all helpers.

In conclusion, I want to draw your attention to my special offer. The Musical Recital "The Reality of God," is now reduced, I am placing at your disposal 150 Hymn Leaflets, and six Recitation Leaflets for 5s. 6d. post free. I trust this will induce every Lyceum to obtain the work, to keep it in stock for a Special Service. It affords scope for Lyceumists of all ages to take part.

Please send your orders now, and don't forget the reduced price, 150 Hymn Leaflets, six Recitation Leaflets 5s. 6d. post free. The whole of the proceeds, less postage, are for the £2,000 Fund.

Here is your opportunity to help, by purchasing a parcel of these Leaflets, and also by a Special Collection on Founder's Day.

Once again awaiting your support. With all good wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

V. G. REYNOLDS,

Hon. Sec.

118, Cremorne Street,  
Nottingham.

## A Few Hints on Writing Poetry.

There are three definite rules in writing the ordinary forms of verse. 1st, Metre; 2nd, Rhyme; 3rd, Scansion.

The metre consists of the number of syllables in each line.

The simplest metres are verses of four or eight lines, and each line in each verse should have the corresponding number of syllables. Thus the lines of each four-line verse will have the following number of syllables in each line: 8888, 7777, 6666, 8787, 8686, 7676 or 8886.

The first thought is to think out a subject and a title. Then consider the metre and the number of lines in a verse.

Use a metre suited to the musical expression of the words. Carry the theme from verse to verse.

Use strength and structure in the sentences, which should harmonise.

The methods of constructing sentences are chiefly by figurative language, personification, apostrophe, hyperbole, comparison, metaphor, or allegory.

The concise and graceful style are best for poetry, though vehement expression is required sometimes.

The plain, neat, florid and critical style should be avoided.

Ordinary writing needs good sense and a lively imagination. Poetry needs the foregoing as a groundwork and also the instinct for giving luminosity to the beautiful ideals in the common mind.

It is only the genius who should attempt rhyme before much practise in prose, as it is necessary to find good style in writing and composition to express thoughts on different subjects before students are capable of the sequential rhythm needed to carry the scansion through a poem.

Having found a subject, consider the theme and carry it through from verse to verse. Short poems are best for beginners to compile.

Read No. 27 in the "Lyceum Manual" and you will notice that the admonition, though in rhyme, lacks appeal and only states facts.

No. 30 has a brightness and simple inspiration.

No. 37 opposes the militant and appeals to the harmonic.

No. 40 approaches the poem more than the previous ones quoted above.

No. 84 shows great promise in the first verse but loses its general appeal by denoting the personal aspect in the second verse. This is the failure of most poets, they fail to keep the high tone of the first portion by narrowing or widening the link between the verses.

In choosing a style the subject of the poem should denote the theme and the metre. When scansion is added a good poem should result.

Gray's "Elegy" conveys the idea of the combination.—

The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,

The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea;

The ploughman homeward plods his weary way,

And leaves the world to darkness and to me."

We leave the reader to follow Gray and get gradually from the dirge to the inspiration and genius of the eternal and progressive impulse from which the poets spring.

G. F. K.

## CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, &c.

Horwich.—Miss R. Giles, 36, Mary Street East, Horwich, nr. Bolton.

Leeds, Psycho.—Miss V. Towers, "Arndale," 15, Park Lane, Roundhay, Leeds.

Manchester, Droylsden.—Mr. A. Baker, 3, Canal Street, Market St., Droylsden, Manchester.

Accrington, Pearl St.—Mrs. Crabtree, 29, Sharples Street, Spring Hill, Accrington.

Great Harwood.—Mrs. J. Hudson, 74, Moss Street, Gt. Harwood, Lancs.

Brighton.—Miss E. Davey, 59, Widdicombe Way, Bevendean Estate, Brighton.

Devonport.—Miss D. Cross, 11, Third Avenue, Camels Head, Devonport, Plymouth.

Sheffield, Heeley, Gifford Road.—Time of Session, 2-45 p.m.

Craghead.—Mr. Thos. Collingwood, 11, William Street, Craghead.

West Pelton.—Miss Robinson, 9, Arthur Street, High Hold, Pelton, Co. Durham.

Longton, Stone Road.—2-0 p.m. Counc. C. Barker, J.P., 67, Uttoxeter Road, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

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## Leadership.

The Spiritualist gains experiences which are unique in so far as mediumship opens the mind to an extended philosophy.

The extent of reasoning is changed, and all is tempered by the kind of phenomena and the conditions of the association with the mediums.

It is certain that many of our teachings have changed their religious implications. We find heaven is no longer necessarily situated in the clouds, but is a condition which may be expressed by harmony on earth and understood as such through the consciousness of extremely happy sensations in our mental and physical relations.

The spirit of an unfolding love and law comes to us out of the "everywhere." Whatever our immediate consciousness reveals within or around us, there can be no doubt we realise a relationship to the materials of earth, be they solids, liquids or gases. Our bodies are composed of elements drawn from the earth. Our minds provide the force that underlies our conscious and sub-conscious relation to matter as expressed in the three fold aspect of substance. There are etheric forces also in operation but in every experience there appears to be two aspects which work together to produce results! spirit and matter.

Physically we are part of the earth and have some relationship to all other aspects of earth's substance. Organised forms of life exist in the plants, in animals, and in man. There is an evolutionary link in which traces are found where the attributes intertwine. All aspects of earth life are on the same world. No matter how we grow in intellectuality and power we do not leave the orbit of our present physical sphere of material life. All we can do is to intensify our powers of permeation and draw within ourselves that which illumines the mental atmosphere, wherever we have to be.

Thus we seek him who possesses that light which attracts us to a directed accomplishment. We differ because we do not all have the same desires. Hence chaos reigns because we have no ordered method of social life. We have decided to herd together and live

some form of collective life, but what that form shall take is still the subject of political economy—and the leaders of political economy are not yet agreed upon the best or most human method.

Leaving religion to refer purely to the spiritual part of man and also to personal interpretation, we turn to a sequential series of words to describe a method of reasoning by which we may deepen the consciousness of each of us, going as far as we can in our personal development and then awaiting the benefit of the full fruition of the studious leader who has reached his full powers and can "return," or come again, with us.

The leader will, by his example point the radiating laws as a star to which we can be attracted. It may be only one of the points that draws us to appreciation but that we help in the final co-ordination of a fuller life.

Below we give three lists of words. The first column gives the substance or abstract condition. The third column gives the aspect of the spirit. The centre column gives the aspect of personality which become characteristic of the individual as he increases his growth.

<i>This</i>	<i>produces</i>	<i>through</i>
Plant	Vegetation	Life
Animal	Herding	Instinct
Man	Morality	Intuition
Science	Law	Philosophy
Psychology	Conduct	Knowledge

### *The Fourth Dimension:*

Metapsychics	Character	Initiation
Harmony	Wisdom	Love
Spiritualism	Mediumship	Impersonal love.
Spirituality	Teacher	Inspiration
Truth	Leader	Sublimity

Many Spiritualists and Lyceumists have reached the sphere of appreciation, and we can within our present circles, open our minds to imbibe the deeper phases of life's intrinsic fulness.

## The Way of the Chinese.

The Chinese have a custom of exalting the wisdom and ability of a friendly visitor and describe themselves in very small terms. This custom has been in use in China for thousands of years and is handed down from generation to generation. Dr. Whyment a professor of languages was asked to attend a series of seances in America to interpret the words of a Chinese spirit.

Here is a portion of the conversation which illustrates the flowery method of conversation.

*The Voice:* Greetings, O Son of learning and reader of strange books! This unworthy servant bows humbly before such excellence.

I: Peace be unto thee, O illustrious one. This uncultured menial ventures to ack thy name and illustrious style.

*The Voice:* My mean name K'ung, men called me Fu-tzu, and my lowly style is Kiu (?). I wasted more than three score years and reached the end of no road, Peace be upon thy house. May I know thine name and illustrious style?

I: My humble name is Wang, and men call me Wen-tzu. My despicable style is Wen-tzu-tsang. I have thrown two score years away in folly and I lack understanding. Will the Master teach me in words of wisdom?

*The Voice:* Alas my shade is as a single hair and knowledge is not in me. What is the honourable question?

I: This stupid one would know the correct reading of a verse in the Shih King. It has been hidden from understanding for long centuries, and men look upon it with eyes that are blind. The passage begins thus: "Ts' aits' aichuan. . . ."

*The Voice:* It should be read this way O master of mysteries. (The Voice here intoned the poem throughout and on my asking for it again it was repeated). Thus read, does not its meaning become plain?

I: Indeed, O leader of the wise ones, it shines with a myriad lights. There are other things I would ask of thy wisdom.

*The Voice:* Ask not of an empty barrel much fish, O wise one! Many things which are dark shall be light to thee, but the time is not yet.

*From Psychic Adventures in New York.*

#### THE ORIGIN AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TERM ETYMOLOGY.

"There exists in the most ancient languages of the East," says *Prof. Black in his Student's Manual*, "a word, which, if written in Roman characters, we should pronounce TUM, or TYM. It signifies, literally, *perfection*, and figuratively, *truth* or *justice*. This word united among the Greeks to the article E, and lengthened by the syllable òs, became adjective E-tum-òs, and signified *true* or *just*. The Greeks afterwards connecting this adjective with the substantive *Logia* (knowledge or *discourse*), formed the word E-tumo-logia, and which consequently signified *perfect knowledge*, and they designated by it, the knowledge of the origin and value of words. . . ."

I would advise those who wish to read understandingly to purchase a good dictionary, which is not only explanatory, but Etymological, showing the student from what root and language the word is derived.

Let us take Electricity, for example, *Prof. Black* says, "It was very *anciently* observed that *amber* possessed the property, when warmed by friction, of attracting certain bodies. This property was named Electricity, the Greek word for amber being *ēlektron*."

Now let us turn to *Electric*, in *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*, and see what it says about it. We read as follows—"Electric, adj. pertaining to or produced by electricity,—n. any electric substance; a non-conductor of electricity, as amber, glass, etc. . . . (L. *electrum*—Greek, *elektron*, amber, in which electricity was first observed)."

Although the ancient Greeks were the first to observe that *amber* possessed the property, when warmed by friction, of attracting certain bodies, it remained a mystery until scientists began to study it, and by experiment, gradually developed its production by the *dynamo-electric machine*, which has transformed modern life.

ALFRED KITSON.

The Sisterhood and Brotherhood at Newburn have presented their Lyceum with three dozen Lyceum Manuals. That is a very nice Christmas present. The Lyceum leaders are very pleased.

## 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 contributions 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.

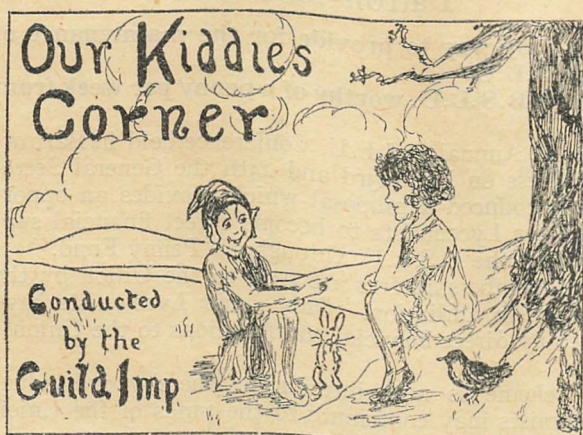
#### What we need.

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 £1,000 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.



Dear Little Imps,

A Happy New Year, everybody! May 1932 bring you only healthy, joyous times.

Isn't this a wishing time? There must be more wishes during our Christmas and New Year holidays than in all the rest of the year. Somehow, for that week, people want to wish good things for other people too, so that the very best kind of wishes live then. This month our story is about wishes, too.

#### THE WISH DAY.

"If wishes were horses, beggars would ride," sighed Peter Puck, as he climbed into his elm-tree home one moonlit night. Peter Puck and his brother, Pucksy Pip, had been playing all day long in the city park. Of course no people had seen them playing, but that didn't matter to the elves. They had seen the people and heard them talking, too, and had had a very jolly day.

Peter Puck was rather cross this night. He was quite sure that Six-o'clock, who brings bed-time to Elfland, had been in a big hurry and had come too soon. Pucksy Pip didn't mind, for he was very tired but he had to stay awake and listen to Peter Puck's grumbles.

"I tell you, Pucksy Pip, if wishes were horses, beggars would ride," repeated Peter Puck. "I wish that were true, then," answered Pucksy Pip. "I think it would be great fun. Wouldn't there be a mix-up if each of our wishes could carry us off into Wishland on a Wishing Horse? In Wishland, of course, all the wishes would come true.

Oh! I do wish it could happen, for just one day. What a day it would be!"

Now, in their elm-tree there lived a rook. At least, everybody thought he was a rook, but really he was a Goblin man. Mr. Rook heard the elves talking, and as soon as Pucksy Pip stopped, he called out in his rough voice: "Your wish is granted, Pucksy Pip. To-morrow shall be a charmed day. From sunrise to sunset, every wish shall come true. Get up early in the morning, bow three times to the sun, and then you will be allowed to share in the fun. But remember that every wish shall come true, so be very careful in what you wish."

Even Peter Puck was too surprised to grumble any more, and very soon both elves were fast asleep. Next morning they were awake with the sun, and, as soon as they had eaten their honey-bread, and drunk their acorn tea, they set out on the day's adventures.

Pucksy Pip reminded Peter Puck that they must both bow three times to the sun if they were to enjoy seeing wishes come true. They then thought how they could best see the wishes coming true, and decided that most fun would be found amongst the people. Pucksy Pip said "I wish I could be a little brown bird. Then I could fly quite close to all the people in the Park." Peter Puck gave a surprised "Oh!" for instead of Pucksy Pip there was a little brown bird, sitting by him on the branch. He said "Oh Pucksy Pip, if it is you, I wish I were a policeman." The little brown bird only cried "Chirrup chee" when it saw a policeman sitting on the branch, and flew away lest the branch should break.

The Pucksy Pip bird flew off to the Park. There the strangest things happened, and the little bird had such an exciting day. It flew amongst a group of children by the pond, and was just in time to hear a tiny boy say "Look at that bird, I wish I could fly like a bird"—and see him suddenly spread out his arms and fly up into the sky. Very soon quite a lot of children were flying like birds, too, and ever so many mothers didn't know what to do, and talked about sending for doctors to come quickly. The children couldn't fly really well, and so kept bumping against trees. The Pucksy Pip bird was afraid they might bump into him too, and so flew off to a quieter part of the Park.

On a seat overlooking the flower-beds, two old men were talking to each other. They spoke of their good old days, and grumbled at the wonders of to-day. Said one, "I'm almost afraid to cross the roads these days. I wish we had the good old coaches instead of these great buses." From their seat, they could see the highroad, and his friend suddenly explained, "Why there is a coach on the highroad. Where can it be from?" Neither of the old men was as surprised as the driver of the motor bus, when he found his wheel suddenly change to reins for the team of horses that came from the bonnet of the bus. Everywhere people stopped and stared, until the poor driver wondered could he be dreaming. Even the old men were too surprised to wish for anything else. Pucksy Pip had never before enjoyed anything so much.

P.C. Peter Puck strode along the streets through the busiest parts of the town. What a game this wishes-come-true day gave him. A tired old lady watched a little girl choosing toys and wished to be young again. And young she became, much to everybody's astonishment. A boy, talking to his chum, wished for an aeroplane, and the square buzzed with the sound of engines as an empty aeroplane descended from the sky. The boys climbed into the cockpit and soon the machine soared higher and carried them far from home.

A flower seller wished that her blossoms could be changed into money, and immediately she saw a heap of coins lying in her basket, from which the flowers had disappeared. People who wished that they might travel, suddenly found themselves in the lands of their desires.

All day long, the elves saw wishes coming true. Sunset saw a tall policeman, and a little brown bird, hurrying home to the elm tree. They arrived there with Six-o'clock and Mr. Rook, who greeted them with "Sunset ends the wishing day. Enjoyed it, elves?" The Peter Puck policeman and the Pucksy Pip bird were no more; but two little elves thought for a moment e'er they answered the goblin rook.

"Yes, thanks, Mr. Rook. It has been good fun to-day. Still, we don't think we'd like our wishes to always come true. Being a bird or being a policeman isn't half as jolly as being just ourselves."

All over that city, people were telling of their strange happenings. They never knew what had been wrong with that day, except that somehow, all the wishes that one spoke came true. All the wanderers had found themselves in their own streets just at sunset, and all the people who had changed had suddenly become themselves again. It was all very strange, but the strangest thing was that everybody seemed most pleased because that odd day had ended well. Everyone was able to go home to bed and to wish that all the days to come would behave properly. Mr. Rook must have liked that wish, for that was the one wish which he allowed to come true, after sunset on Wishing Day.

Lots of love, Imps,

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### AURA. KILNER SCREENS.

#### AURICSIGHT THROUGH AUROSPECS.

Mr. H. Boddington has produced a pamphlet, "Aura, Kilner Screens. Aurospecs and all about them," 1s. post free. (The Handbook is No. 4 of the London Psychic Education Centre.)

"Viewed clairvoyantly," writes Mr. Boddington, "man looks like a shrouded light which radiates tiny particles in every direction. It may be that human bodies throw them off, as flowers their perfume."

"The discovery that the aura constitutes a 'mine field' leads us into fascinating studies which biologists have not yet classified because their methods of research fail to locate it."

There are many evidences of continuous research, and the writer has some interesting postulations to offer.

Mr. Boddington claims that, through his aurospecs, the human aura can be seen; clairvoyance is induced, etc. The handbook is produced for serious students of Spiritualism. Brief information and ideas are expressed on many kindred subjects which the author claims are practical, explanatory and evidential.

Mr. Boddington is the tutor for the London Psychic Education Course which runs complementary to the official courses of the B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. education scheme.

Whenever a Liberty Group is without a subject for discussion, "Aurospecs" will prove an interesting subject.

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### THE B.S.L.U. SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

*Lyceum Banner Fund.* Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, from Miss M. Lipscombe, Twickenham, 1s.

*Patron Fund.* Stratford Lyceum (Idmiston Road) £1 5s.; Bury Lyceumists, 5s.; Mrs. Stroude, 10d.; Mr. Cocksedge, 10d.; Whitley Bay Lyceum, 11s.; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Connor, 8s. 8d.; Moston Lyceumists, 10s. 4d.; Mr. H. Andrew, 2s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, 5s.

*Supplementary Fund.* Minister, 8s. 10d.

### THE BIRTH OF THE ARTS.

The separation of the arts into distinct categories marks a high stage of development. The stages may be noted in the Greek conception of the Muses. Originally, these were conceived simply as nymphs who dwelt in springs where inspiration might be found. Then they were regarded as goddesses of song. Homer tells of their being in attendance upon Apollo the god of poetry, singing sweetly at his meals in Olympus, while Apollo accompanied on his lyre, taking inspiration from their ministrations.

Then these Muses were made more specific; and were thought of as nine in number, each presiding over one of the arts. *Calliope* was the muse of epic song, usually represented in statuary with a wax tablet and pencil.

*Clio* was the muse of history, depicted with a scroll.

*Euterpe* presided over lyric song, and was represented by a double flute.

*Thalia* was the muse of comedy, indicated by a comic mask, ivy wreath, and shepherd's staff.

*Melpomene* was the tragic muse shown in inscriptions with a tragic mask and ivy wreath, and sometimes with a club or sword, etc.

*Terpsichore* was the muse of dancing, shown with a lyre.

*Erato* was the muse of love poetry, depicted with a small lyre.

*Polymnia* inspired serious sacred song, and may be recognised by her pensive air and veil.

*Urania* was the muse of astronomy, indicated by a celestial globe. E. H. GROUT.

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O God of nature and of grace  
How lovely is thy dwelling-place!  
The temple where thou art adored  
As universal King and Lord.  
Where meet the simple-hearted just,  
In holy awe and child-like trust,  
To catch devotion's sacred flame,  
And sing the glories of thy name.

Yet not alone in sacred fane  
Dost thou in sovereign greatness reign;  
From the earth's plains and mountains bold,  
Form fixed on their foundations old,  
From oceans that obey thy will,  
Thy kingdom stretches widening still;  
Far as the searching eye can pierce  
The grand and glowing universe.

And when the light of Science ails,  
And her own region Faith unveils;  
Ascending to her heavenly goal  
What glories burst upon the soul!  
The visible creation fades,  
The sun and stars are dimmed in shades  
Before that revelation bright,  
That blaze of uncreated light.

O God of nature and of grace,  
How spacious is thy dwelling-place!  
From low-roofed churches, towers sublime,  
From minsters sanctified by time,  
And homes where humble people dwell,  
What songs of holy gladness swell!  
Joining the hymn of earth and sea,  
And starry heavens, that mounts to thee.

## "Our Rights."

A PAPER GIVEN AT BENNERLEY HALL, DISCUSSION GROUP, BATTERSEA.

By EVA C. DEAN.

In reviewing past history we find that man has always considered that he is entitled to certain privileges or rights which he endeavours to hold or secure. Thus we find the first-born inherited a birth-right which entitled him to succeed to his Father's rank and possessions. We read how Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob in order to satisfy the need of the moment.

"Rights of Man" is the title of the declaration of the French National Assembly in 1798, proclaiming that all men have equal rights. The idea of rights for the individual has spread to organized movements. The World conceived the idea that he was in the power of his Employer or Capitalist and in order to prevent exploitation combined to form a Trade Union, for collective bargaining for the rights of the Workers.

We have also charitable Organisations, to which people give time and money—to the Crèche, Children's Homes and Hospitals. These helpers consider that the child has the right to decent surroundings, good food and attention.

The individual right extends also to property. We find land on which there is "no right of way." By some legitimate means the right of ownership has made this private property. From Organisations we find that rights extend still further to Countries and Nations. War is the result of one Country violating the laws or rights of another Country.

In order to preserve Peace and to find a means for International arbitration, a Peace Conference was held at The Hague in 1899. This led to a permanent Court of Arbitration for the purpose of finding a solution whenever a difference arises between two countries. Through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, a wealthy American, who placed a large sum of money at the disposal of the Dutch Government it was possible to build the Palace of Peace in 1903. It now serves to accommodate The Permanent Court of Arbitration. The Permanent Court of International Justice, the Academy of International Law and a Library bearing on International and Municipal law. Since its foundation it has settled 18 international differences.

After the Great War of 1914-18 the League of Nations was created, i.e., the States signatories of the treaties which terminated this war agreed to promote a fuller measure of co-operation in the interests of peace. The Permanent Court of International Justice emanated from the League of Nations and was established in the Peace Palace at The Hague in 1922.

If disputes can be settled by arbitration and war prevented, a great work will be accomplished at The Peace Palace.

In the new church at Delft, one of the mottoes on the Mausoleum of William the First, interpreted reads, "as long as you are the avenger, liberty is safe."

Let us learn from this that in the exercising of rights we should try to settle without avenging.

What is our personal duty in exercising our rights? If we are in doubt and we need some guidance let us reverse our mental attitude and ponder as to how we should re-act to the treatment which we intend to mete

out to the other person. If we feel we should resent such treatment, then it cannot be the right treatment for the other person. Let us then ponder as to the treatment we should deserve if we had committed a wrong, and be as just to others as we would be to ourselves.

This is also the teaching of Confucianism, which is the Religion of the Golden Rule, applied to every day-life, "To serve my Father as I would require my son to serve me. To serve my Ruler as I would require my Minister to serve me. To serve my elder brother as I would require my younger brother to serve me. To set the example of behaving to friends as I would require my friends to behave to me."

How does the Lyceum instruct Lyceumists in this subject. In the Golden Chain Recitation No. 143. we read as follows: "Man is an immortal being, capable of infinite progress, therefore has self-evident rights. His existence is incontrovertible evidence that he has the right to all the essential conditions for the maintenance of such existence. To withhold such would be to defeat the object of his Creation."

He has the right to fresh air and pure water, which by reason of their nature cannot be monopolised. He has the right to wholesome food, through the ministrations of love.

Hunger stimulates to labour, and is supplied thereby. He has the rights to the fruits of his honest labour. He has the right to labour in any direction, provided such does not conflict with the rights of others. He has the right to the opportunity to labour for the sustenance of himself and family. He has the right to warm clothing and good shelter. For these are necessary for his physical health and development. He has the right to rest in order to recuperate his jaded powers.

He has the right to leisure to cultivate his superior faculties. He has the right to education and culture. Education is the food of the mind, as bread is that of the body. He has the right to think and reason, for this is the road to freedom. He has the right to break the bonds of ignorance and superstition. He has the right to unbounded enquiry, and to form his own opinions thereon. He has the right to obey the behests of his own conscience.

He has the right to liberty. But liberty must not be confounded with license. He has the right to the joys of a happy home.

He must accord to others the same rights that he claims for himself. Our own rights are limited when they conflict with the rights of others. The rights of the individual must yield to the rights of the many.

Our object should ever be the happiness of all, even to the humblest, for it is essential to their progress as children of God. The Lyceum Manual also gives the Ten Laws of Right.

If we carry out these teachings we shall exercise our rights without violating the rights of others and that will lead us to our spiritual rights. Our spiritual inheritance is our sonship with God the Father; whether we are High or Low, Rich or Poor, it cannot be taken away.

The Kingdom of God has no exclusive right of way, it is an open road that all who will may tread. We may wander into byways or fall by the wayside but "Man is his own star, and the soul that can render an honest and a perfect man, commends all light, all influence, all fate. Nothing to him falls early or too late."

## The S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for October, viz.: Members donations, Rippon Hall, North Shields, £1 6s., Collected by Mr. W. Dowell Todd in Northern Area, during April, May, June, £1 9s. 3d.; during July, August and September, £5 15s. 4d.; Women's Guild, West Street Church, Weston-super-Mare, 10s.; Hounslow Mission £1, Sutton Spiritualist Society £2 10s.; Barnsley, North Pavement, £1 1s.; Accrington, Pearl St., £1; Armley, Theaker Lane, £4 6s. 6d.; Manor Park Church and Lyceum £1 17s. 4d.; Cramlington and Seaton Delaval 7s. 6d., West Stanley 3s., Salford Central 13s. 6d., Crook 8s. 1d., Stockton, Brunswick St., 10s. 6d.; Carlisle 16s., West Walls £1, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, 12s. 6d.; Dunfermline Alliance 8s., Ealing £2 2s., Runcorn, Ashridge St., 10s.; Wembley £2, Thenton £1 13s. 6d., Battersea Church £1 17s. Donation: Lady President 5d., Swansea Progressive 5s. 1d., Manchester, Longsight, £1 1s.; South London S. M., Lausanne Hall, Church and Lyceum £2 1s. 2d., Tunstall 6s., Barrow, Preston St., £2; Nuneaton £1 1s., Hackney £2, Bury, King St., Church and Lyceum, 8s.; Lancaster Alliance 10s. 6d., Shildon, Newlands Avenue, £1; Dover Society £1 5s., Winchester £1 10s., Ventnor £1 3s. 6d., Harrow £1 5s., Lochgelly 5s., Cwm and District 7s., West Melton Church 5s., West Melton Lyceum 5s., Forest Hill Christian Spiritualists £1 10s., Worksop Mission £1, Dewsbury £1, Plaistow Church and Lyceum £3, Portsmouth Temple £12, Portsmouth Lyceum 5s., Tottenham and Edmonton £3 3s., Brixton Brotherhood Church and Lyceum £6, Nottingham, Mechanics Hall Lyceum, 5s.; Sowerby Bridge Church and Lyceum £2 2s., Huddersfield, Ramsden St., £2 2s., London Spiritual Mission £8 6s. 9d., Birkenhead, Hamilton St., £1; Nottingham, Sherwood St., £1 2s.; Plymouth, Morley St., £5; Cheltenham Healing Mission, Miss Wright, 12s. 8d.; Swalwell Society 4s., Heanor, Notts, 10s.; Congleton £1 1s., Wombwell 12s. 6d., Manchester, Longsight 2nd, 6s.; York, Spen Lane, £1 5s.; Whitley Bay 4s., Tastawill 5s. Total: £103 13s. 1d.

November. Manchester Central, Collection and Mr. L. Firth's Fee £4 12s. 2d.; Manchester, Maskell St. Church, £1 1s.; Manchester Moston Lane, £1; Manchester, Openshaw, £1; Manchester, Gorton, Garlick St., 10s.; Manchester, Droylsden, Lyceum Church, 10s.; Preston Ethical, £1, Hollinwood £1, Blackburn Temple £2 2s., Macclesfield Free Church £2 2s. 6d., Wrexham 14s., Fleetwood £2 2s., Dalton-in-Furness 13s., Accrington, Abbey St., 7s. 6d., Chester, Commonhall St., 10s.; Blackpool £2, Southport, Hawkshead St, 16s. 3d., Walthamstow £1, Crouch End Coll., £1 5s., Crouch End Collection Box £1 17s., Wimbledon, £9 17s. 2d., Guildford and District £2 2s., Little Ilford £1, Ramsgate £1 10s., Croydon £2 2s., Clapham £3, Luton £2 2s., The Ilford Psychical Reserach £2 2s., Eltham 8s., Chatham 10s., Darlington, Northgate 10s., Dunfermline 5s., Cardiff 1st, £1, Cymlais £1, Penrhinciebr 5s., Ogmore Vale 5s., Southern Counties L.D.C. 6s., Bristol Temple 18s., Bristol United £3, Bristol Universal 7s. 6d., Cowes £1 15s., Devonport, Ferry Hall 10s., Eastleigh Church £2, Eastleigh Lyceum 10s., Gosport 10s., Reading Church and Lyceum 16s. 6d., Southampton Church and Lyceum £30 13s. 6d., Mans-

field Dallas St., £1, North Midlands Conference, Retiring Collection 3s., Midland District Council 3s., Coalville 3s., Birmingham Central £1 10s., Birmingham, Hansworth Forward, 10s.; Birmingham, Small Heath, 10s.; Birmingham, Aston, 9s. 6d.; Walsall Reunion £1, Wolverhampton £1 1s., Nottingham Progressive £1 1s., Northampton, Newlands, 15s.; Stourbridge 17s., Sheffield, Meersbrook, £2 3s. 3d.; Sutton-in-Ashfield 7s. 6d., Horsforth 5s., Heeley, Woodseats, 10s.; Harrogate 8s. 6d., Halifax, Queen Rd., £2; Hull, Holborn Hall, £2 2s.; Castleford Progressive £1 1s., Idle 10s., Parkgate Temple £1 10s. Total £115 6s. 10d.

The Committee are grateful for the help received and wish all Lyceumists a Happy New Year. If your Lyceum has not subscribed during 1931 see that a resolution is passed to contribute in 1932. and thus help some of the aged workers to enjoy a little comfort ere they leave us to join the band in the larger field of service.

*Personal Donations.*—October: A.H.P. £110.; Well-wisher £10 10s.; Richard Horsley £5.; H. Blackwell £2 2s.; W. S. Doyle £1 1s.; Mrs. L. R. Smedley £1.; From Estelle £1; W. T., Oversby £1; Mr. and Mrs. Bessant £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Ward £2 2s.; Mr. J. Buchan Ford per E.W.O. 8s.; E. V. Quarmbly 5s.; Mrs. M. Marshall Hancock 10s.; Convinced 5s. 6d.; A Friend of the Cause 5s.; A. M. Severn 5s.; Hope On 12s. 6d.; Mrs. Batey and Mrs. Thirlwall 15s.; Mrs. M. Walker 3s. 6d.; Mrs. McLauchlan 10s.; M. and H. D. 10s.; A. W.'s Home Circle 14s.; Mr. C. J. Rickards 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Stair 5s.; Mrs. Adamson, Burial Fee 4s.; Mr. A. Scott 5s.; H.L.D. and L.S.W. Northwich 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Green, donation to H.V. Memorial Fund per Miss E. M. Bubb 18s. 6d. Miss Muriel Boddington, collecting box, 10s.; C. Jessie Vesel 5s.; G. W. Green 5s.; Dr. E. H. Worth £1 1s.; Total £144 13s. 6d.

November: Two Marsden friends 5s.; Robertus £1 1s.; Mrs. Leadbetter, Southport, Home Circle £1; A few friends, Lewisham £1; Rosie 5s.; Miss G. C. Butcher 15s.; Mrs. Bennion 5s.; Mr. A. Scott 5s.; Thanks offering, Mrs. Candle, for spiritual healing, per Miss E. M. Bubb, 10s.; Mrs. T. Knowles proceeds readings for friends, 10s. Total £5 16s. 0d.

Miss M. L. STAIR,

4, Ravenstone Gardens,  
Sutton Mill, Nr. Keighley.  
*Hon. Secretary.*

The Freemantle Spiritualists Temple and Progressive Lyceum writes, Mr. A. J. Farmer, sends greetings and assures us that the cause is represented by similar methods in Freemantle as prevail in Great Britain.

The memory of past associations at home is wielding an influence. We wish our overseas friends hearty success.

It will be a pleasure to cement the links of truth in closer association.

There are two elements in our nature that either hinder or aid us in life's adjustment. One is our general attitude towards life which colours our vision, and the other our imagination—that mental quality which enables us to penetrate, in some measure, into the future and to reconstruct the past.

## Physical Exercises.

### Wing Movement.

Extract from the LYCEUM BANNER, June, 1925.  
 "Callisthenics," by Alfred Kitson.

#### THE WING MOVEMENT.

At the first beat of the music extend the right hand to a (fig. 1), hand open, palm downwards; at the second beat carry the hand directly over the head to *b*, the palm facing the Conductor; at the third beat carry it outward to *c*, the little finger edge of the hand turned towards the Conductor, at the fourth beat return the hand to position (right hand resting in the left one). Repeat the above movements. Then perform the same motions with the left hand to *a*, *b*, *c*. Repeat these motions. Then go through them alternately once; that is go through them once with the right hand, and once with the left hand. Then go through the movement with both hands. Repeat with both hands. (The hands should be trained to follow the curves of the dotted lines. The thumbs should touch each other when both hands are at *b*. When moving the hands from *b* to *c*, *i*, the arms should be fully extended, *do not bring the elbows down to the sides with a jerk*); when returning them to position for the last time clench the hands and bring them to the chest, as shown in figure 2, which is the position for the callisthenics.

If the reader will refer to page 6 of "Physical Exercises," published by the B.S.L.U., there is a diagram which gives the curved lines to illustrate the movement. The second movement is shown in the shape of a curve, which, to be correctly performed, can only be done by bringing the hand towards the front and over the head.

It may interest your Lyceumists to have a brief report of this subject from the "Medium and Day-break," October 14th, 1870, page 218. On that page there is an article which is part of a serial description of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, by A. J. Davis. Describing the "Wing Movement" the article states:—

"The hands are placed in front of the person, the palms together, with the right hand uppermost, the forearm being horizontal. The right hand is then thrown out with a graceful curve to the extent of the arm, at which the palm is upward. The hand is then brought up with a graceful recurve to a point just above and at the left of the forehead, the open hand now pointing up, with the palm outward; then another short recurve at the same height with the last and to the right, leaving the hand pointing a little obliquely outward—the forearm perpendicular—palm as before, and about over the shoulder. This hand is then brought down directly to the left hand, when the same motions are repeated usually four times. Then they change, placing the left hand uppermost, and making the reverse motions in the same manner with the left hand. After this the motions are made with both hands simultaneously; and in this case the hands are brought down palm to palm, the fingers pointing horizontally outwards and thumbs uppermost."

There are quite a number of old Lyceumists who may have been taught the Davis method and handed it down

to the younger generation. The compiler of the present B.S.L.U. series is Mr. Alfred Kitson. He was asked to write an article for the BANNER on the first series of Callisthenics, so that we should have uniformity. That article was published in the LYCEUM BANNER, June, 1925, and is explanatory of the physical exercises at present in official use.

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#### THE GARDEN.

A sensitive flower in a garden grew,  
 And the young winds fed it with silver dew,  
 And it opened its fan-like leaves to the light,  
 And closed them beneath the kisses of night.

And the Spring arose on the garden fair,  
 And the Spirit of Love fell everywhere;  
 And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast  
 Rose from the dreams of its wintry nest.

The snowdrop, and then the violet,  
 Arose from the ground with warm rain wet,  
 And their breath was mix'd with fresh odour, sent  
 From the turf, like the voice and the instrument.

Then the pied wind-flowers, and the tulip tall,  
 And Narcissi, the fairest among them all,  
 Who gaze on their eyes in the stream's recess,  
 Till they die of their own dear loveliness;

And the Naiad-like lily of the vale,  
 Whom youth makes so fair and passion so pale,  
 That the light of its tremulous bell is seen  
 Through their pavilions of tender green;

And the hyacinth, purple, and white, and blue,  
 Which flung from its bells a sweet peal anew,  
 Of music, so delicate, soft, and intense,  
 It was felt like an odour within the sense;

And the jessamine faint, and the sweet tuberose,  
 The sweetest flower for scent that blows;  
 And all rare blossoms from every clime  
 Grew in that garden in perfect prime.

—Percy B. Shelley.

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Real happiness can only be obtained by unselfishness.

In difficult times be patient; hold fast.

Real success cannot be achieved without real work.

We have learned a lot more by thinking about what we have read than by the reading of it.

To the eyes that have dwelt on the past there is no thorough repair.

G. ELIOT.

## TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

## STATISTICAL RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the guidance of Lyceum Secretaries there was issued during December a circular letter. Please note the Fees due for 1932 are on a changed basis of payment.

For your help I would inform you that you must count ALL THE NAMES ENTERED on your Lyceum register during the year (including those which have lapsed and been crossed out) and enter the TOTAL in the space provided. When you have filled in ALL the particulars and the Form has been signed by yourself and the Lyceum Conductor it must be returned to me WITH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

The rate of subscription is 10s. for the first 50, or part of 50, names on the register, and a further 5s. for each additional 25, or part of 25, names. Subscriptions are due on 1st January each year. Lyceums whose subscriptions are not paid by 1st March cease to be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership until their subscription is paid. District Councils shall pay a subscription of 2s. per annum for each Lyceum in membership with them.

The Spiritualists' United Lyceum Districts' Council shall pay a subscription of 1s. for each District Council in membership.

There is also an opportunity, under the Patron-Members Scheme, for Lyceumists to become direct financial supporters of the Union, by subscribing 1d. per week to the funds. (See the LYCEUM BANNER for particulars).

Postal Orders should be made payable to me at Wardleworth Post Office. Cheques should be made payable to the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

G. F. KNOTT,  
General Secretary.

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## Special Reports.

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

WAKEFIELD.—Election of Officers held Dec. 13th. Conductors: Mr. Tweedale, Mrs. Harding, Miss Wallis, Mrs. Teal. Secretary, Miss Harding; Treasurer, Mrs. Harding; Guardian, Miss Johnson; Musical Conductor, Miss Harding; Assistant, Miss Johnson; Captain of Guards, J. Hargate; Guards, A. Teal, R. Hargate; Group Leaders, Mrs. Harding, Mr. Tweedale, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kershaw, Miss Harding, Mr. Hargate. Callisthenic Conductors, E. Smith A. Heponstall. Sick Visitors, Mrs. Hopwood, Mrs. Wright. Representative on Church Committee, Mr. Harding. Delegates, Mrs. Tweedale and Mrs. Harding. Committee, Mrs. Spurr, Mr. Spurr, Mr. Wright, and officers.  
D. HARDING, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace.—On Oct. 4th we held a Special Session (on the request of Mr. A. T. Connor) for the presentation of certificates earned by our entrants in the B.S.L.U. Exams.

We had an extremely good attendance and at the commencement of the Session our Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb, gave a brief outline of the Education Scheme, finally calling upon Miss Peterson to present the Certificates to the following Lyceumists—Mrs. E. Webb, Miss L. Webb, Miss G. Webb, Mr. H. Barton, Mr. F. Easton.

Mr. R. A. Webb, then presented a special prize to Ethel Parkins for the solving of the Titles Puzzles in the LYCEUM BANNER.

During the Open Session the following Lyceumists gave recitations—Franky Eyles, Lorna Wright, Ken Mander, Eileen Swede, Ethel Parkins, and Harry Lenhart. The Musical items were as follows—Vocal duets, Miss L. and G. Webb, Piano

selection, Gladys Wright, Violin and piano selection by Mr. S. Harris and Miss E. Harris. The entire Session was extremely successful and we would like to mention that the collection made that afternoon has been donated to the B.S.L.U. Education Fund.

H. HARRIS, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 6th. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all. Pearls, songs, and recitations were rendered by the following, Hazel Dale, Marguerite Kingham, Edith Nicholas, Junie Lang, Maude Hargreaves, Irene Turner, Harry Forrest, Gordon Fairbairn, Miss M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forrest, Mrs. J. Hargreaves.

Wednesday, Nov. 25th. Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. J. Hargreaves; Assistant, Miss M. Anderson; Guardian, Miss C. Dale; Captain of Guards, Miss I. Turner; Secretary, Miss O. Forrest; Musical Director, Master H. Forrest; Treasurer, Miss M. Anderson; Primary Teachers, Miss I. Turner, Miss M. Hargreaves, Miss C. Dale, Miss O. Forrest; Adult Teacher, Mrs. H. Forrest; Auditors, Miss M. Hargreaves and Mr. H. Forrest; Sick Committee, Mrs. H. Forrest and Miss M. Anderson; Marching Conductor, Mr. H. Forrest.—Miss Olive Forrest, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—Open Session, Dec. 12th. Recitations by E. Spencer, E. Bartlett, Miss Smith, Mrs. Glover, solos by Miss Bradshaw, Miss White. Duets by F. Moreton and J. Jones. An enjoyable Session was spent.—F. Holgate, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—Nov. 30th we held a social for one of our Lyceumists who has left us to go back to South Africa. She had made many friends and won all hearts, so we gave her a real party which we hope she will always remember. The Lyceum presented her with a Manual and we know she will read it and learn its lessons. Our Conductor, Mrs. E. H. Rothwell, gave her an S.N.U. Diary which will help her among the Spiritualists out there when shown to them. Mr. J. Matthews, on behalf of the Ricardo Concert Party, of which she was a member, gave her a Marble Clock in remembrance of happy times. We are all sorry to lose Charlotte Starkey, but we hope it won't be for long, and we will often send our thoughts to her. She arrives home on Xmas Eve, just in time for the festivities. We hope to catch her thoughts and feel a link still binds us though we are separated by sea and land.

OLDHAM, Central.—In Loving Memory of Dorothy Clegg, passed over Jan. 18th, 1923, aged 3 years. Also Harry Porritt Clegg, Sept. 23rd, 1926, aged 3 weeks.

Always remembered by Mother, Father, Auntie Hetty.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Dec. 6th we held our monthly Open Session. Some good efforts were rendered by the Junior Lyceumists. Time would not permit for all to do their bit. It is very pleasing to notice more vocal efforts. We want the children to realise "The more they give, the more they will receive."

Dec. 13th, we were delighted to have our old Lyceumist, Miss Reeves, of Ryde, with us once again.

As we draw to the close of another year, we extend to all Lyceumists, both at home and abroad, our fraternal greetings of love and good wishes. May the coming year see the passing of the depression and despair that has been round about us, and the coming of a new era of prosperity and peace among all mankind.

E. W. Long, Sec.

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Diet cures more than the doctor.

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Integrity is the best mantle.

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Keep your end up by training your mind.

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Think before you ink.

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Good business is business with profits to both sides.

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Perseverance and industry are usually successful.

## 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 Dec. 19th.

**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 January 27th to ensure insertion in the February 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, Pearl St.—Open Session, Dec. 6th. Conductor, Mr. Fazackerley. Recitation by Phyllis Edwards, Nellie Laycock, Walter E. Swift, Thomas Laycock, Mrs. Smith. Solos by Miss Hilda Swift, Miss Nellie Laycock, Mrs. Houlker, Mr. Alex Taylor, William Crabtree. Duets by Miss Hilda and Mr. W. E. Swift, Miss Frances Laycock and Phyllis Edwards. We had a good Session enjoyed by all.—Mrs. Crabtree, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session, Dec. 6th, conducted by Mr. Thompson. Recitations by Gwennie, Muriel, Gertie Watson, Olwyn Daly, Leslie and Vera Hamilton, Donald Mars, Elizabeth and Lily Saunders, Frances Harper, Lilian Harding, Reg. Robb, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Edwards. Solos by Mr. Groves, Mrs. Mars, Mrs. Harding. Pianoforte solos by Eileen Edwards. Violin solos by Albert Thompson, accompanied by Elsie Thompson, and Irene Crombleholme, accompanied by Mrs. Crombleholme. Pearls 5.—Wm. Kneale, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—Nov. 29th we held our usual Open Session. The following gave recitations—O. Parker, B. Hinchcliffe, E. Holding. We had a good session enjoyed by all.—Mr. T. Wood, Sec.

BRISTOL, United.—Dec. 12th the Southern Counties District Lyceum Council met at Providence Hall for their E.C. quarterly meeting. Bristol extends fraternal greeting to all Churches represented.

Dec. 13th Open Session. Council Officers present: Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hart, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Guy. Very good attendance. A service of song, The Minister, was well rendered by Lyceumists, Miss Bowen ably taking the reading. Solos rendered by Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Harding, Mr. Harrison. Greetings were exchanged and all had a real good time.—K. Baker, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—Nov. 20th we had Mr. Thorpe the Adjudicator. A short Open Session was held. Items by Kathleen Norman and Eveline Clements, Irene and Harold Hobster, Shirley Widdowson, Jimmy and Vera Rippon, Irene and Glyn Cowell, Ivy Hall, Harry Beckett, Lily and Leslie Driver, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Campbell, jr.

Dec. 6th we held our Open Session. Items by Audrey, Kathleen, Norman and Eveline Clements, Jimmy and Vera Rippon, Shirley Widdowson, Irene and Harold Hobster, Ivy Hall, Harry Beckett, Jessie Orwin and Mr. Campbell.—Frances Hobster, Session Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session Dec. 6th conducted by Mrs. Hutton. Pearls by Herbert Horsley (6), Mr. Horsley, Mary Ellison, Gladys Hutton, Miss M. Wilkinson, Mrs. Land, Jack Wilson (2). Recitations by Mr. Horsley, Herbert Horsley. Solo by Herbert Horsley. Hymn No. 83 and 335 were sung together. A few words of encouragement were given by Mrs. Land of Leeds, who was our speaker for the day. She asked every Lyceumist to keep to the Lyceum and its teachings, and to be a Lighthouse on God's seashore. Benediction by Mrs. Land.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session, Dec. 6th. Songs and recitations by G. Blackburn, E. Greenhalgh, E. Hancock, O. Wilkins, N. Hodkinson, R. and H. Hancock, F. Clarke G. Morby, K. Hodkinson, T. Hancock, E. Taylor, E. Woodhead.—Janie Smith, Assistant Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—S.C. by Florence Pickvance; G.C.R. by Eileen Shaw and Mrs. Howarth; M.R. by Mr. P. Doswell, Edna Parkinson and Annie Aspden; Recitations by Joan Bullen,

May Pickvance, Greta Johnson, Edna Parkinson and Walter Haworth. Solo by Florence Pickvance; duet by Mr. and Mrs. P. Doswell; Trio Greta Johnson, May Pickvance and Edna Parkinson.

This being our A.G.M. the following Officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. P. Doswell; Ass. Conductor Florence Pickvance; Secretary: Mrs. Hudson, Treasurer Mr. Johnson. Guardian, Annie Aspden.—Mrs. Hudson, Sec.

HORWICH, Chorley New Road.—Dec. 6th Election of Officers. Conductor, Miss L. Beck, Assistant, Mr. M. Gregson; Treasurer, Mr. J. Sherrington; Secretary, Miss R. Giles; Ass. Mr. A. Heath; Musical Conductor, Miss D. Ward; Marching Conductor, Mr. E. Walsh; Assistant, Mrs. E. Wadeson; Guardians A. Heath, J. Wilkes; Auditors, Mr. A. Heath, Mrs. Wadeson; Delegates, Mr. F. Jones, Mrs. Wadeson; Absentee and Sick Visitors, Males, Mr. W. Leach, Mr. M. Gregson; Females, Mrs. Giles, Miss L. Beck. Boys' Leaders, R. Monks, J. Goth, R. Wadeson, John Goth. Girls' Leaders, Edna Ward, A. Cook, H. Holmes, E. Naylor.—Miss R. Giles, Sec.

HYDE, George St.—A Grand Sale of Work was held in our Church on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4th and 5th. Proceeds were for our Building Fund. Our opener on the first day was Mr. Hunter, of Manchester; Chairman, Mrs. Hunter. Second day Mr. North, of Hyde, was opener; Miss Elliott, of Middleton, Chairman. Our young Lyceumists gave some good entertainments. Singing, dancing, and recitations by the girls; Jazz Band by the boys.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LANCASTER, Bulk Road.—Open Session held in our new Church, Dec. 6th. The following responded, D. Bleasdale, M. Bleasdale, E. Stephenson, E. Law, A. Bond. Greetings.—M. Bowskill, Sec. pro tem.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session Dec. 1st before a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Items were rendered by Jacky Whitbread, Joan Whitbread, Elsie Garratt, Sybil Nottingham, Alice Gamble. Solos by Irene Ashby, Ethel Gamble, Lily Jayes, Duets by Sybil Nottingham and Doris Garratt; Elsie Clements and Winnie Cleaver, Mr. Jayes and Doris Jayes. There was a good response with pearls.—Thomas Kenney, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midlands.—On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11th and 12th, a Xmas Stall was held. We are grateful to the organiser, Mr. Crane, and all his helpers, for the benefit we received by the effort. A most enjoyable Concert was given on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, by Lyceumists and friends.

LONDON, Brixton.—On 22nd Nov. we were visited by the L.L.D.C. Mr. Fruin gave the opening prayer, the rest of the Session proceeding as usual. The Silver Chain was explained by the younger members who also answered questions very satisfactorily. All the efforts were exceptionally good. Marching followed, everyone joining in. The whole Session was thoroughly enjoyed by all.—F. B. Cross, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—On Sunday, Nov. 29th, we had Mr. Connor with us, when we all spent a very happy time together. Old times were revived. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—Lily Canfield, Session Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—We held a very successful Social and Dance on Nov. 28th. This was a Lyceum effort. Solos by Mrs. Edmondson, Mr. Jones and Mr. Hardy. Duet by Mrs. Henshaw and Miss Hulley. Monologue by Miss P. Swindells. Duet dances by Joyce Edge and Joyce Potts, Mabel Cotterill and Betty Kenyon. All the items received well merited encores. Mr. Normington was M.C. for dancing. Refreshments, which had all been given, were served by the lady members of the Church Committee. Thanks to all who made it such a very happy time. And now for our Xmas Tree on Dec. 26th, and then to work for our Jubilee next year.—H. Rushton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—On Nov. 29th we had a very interesting discussion led by Mr. G. F. Knott, for which we thank him, as it was very much enjoyed. Mr. Knott also conducted the service in our Church at night.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 8th, we had a Potato Pie Supper in aid of our Children's Xmas Treat, and we had a packed room, when we made a clear profit of £1 13s. 1d. Everybody went home tired but happy, after a pleasant evening.

Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 2-30 and 6-30 we had two very enjoyable sessions, many visitors being with us. The afternoon session was conducted by an Assistant Conductor, Miss Watson. The evening session by our Conductor, Mr. Walter Taylor.

We had some lovely flowers given for the table by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor, in remembrance of Mr. Joe and Mr. Walter

Taylor's mother. Lilies were given by Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead in memory of their eldest son.

For some time now our adult members have given flowers each week to help our funds for the Xmas party. We are very grateful. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—Fannie Shaw, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—We are looking forward to the Annual Treat on Boxing Day and practising songs, etc., for that day, which we hope will be a financial success. Best wishes for a bright, happy and prosperous New Year to all Lyceumists.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—The last Open Session of the year was held on Dec. 6th. Miss Stanford efficiently conducted the Session. The following pleased with items—May Mason, Olive Fukes, Beatrice Fukes and Albert Mason. Olive Fukes also effectively rendered a solo. Explanations of the M.R. by young readers were very good.—James Le Noury, A.N.S.C., Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—Open Session, Dec. 6th, conducted by Miss A. Holt. Mr. Lewis Firth, the speaker for the day, conducted the Golden Chain Recitation in a pleasing manner. The callisthenics were also commented upon. Recitations by Master G. Ackroyd, L. Deane, J. Mitchell, and Miss M. Holt.—Miss F. M. Lees, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—Our Lyceumists took flowers to the Cenotaph on Peace Sunday.

## District Council Reports.

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

#### PRESENTATION OF SHIELD AND BELL, DEC. 5TH.

A Social Evening was held at Alma St., (thanks to Church and Lyceum committees for free use of room) on Dec. 5th when every Lyceum was represented and the room packed out.

The following took part in the Concert which occupied the first part of the evening: Kenneth Chapman and Peter Knight (Alma St.) Recitations. Mr. Baxter (Quarmby) Songs; Mrs. J. Riley (S. Bridge) Songs; Six Young Ladies (S. Bridge) concerted item. The Toffs of Kensington. Miss Lees (S. Bridge) elocution items; Mrs. Firth and Mr. Crossley (Brighouse) Duets; Mary Joyce Davis (Brighouse) Recitation; Mr. Kitson (Peter St.) Song; Miss M. Goddard Miss M. Carter, Miss L. Edwards (Peter St.) Dances; Miss Mona Gill (Peter St.) Elocution items; Sketch "My Wife's Relations," (Brighouse); Miss M. Firth (Brighouse) Piano Solos; Mr. Riley (S. Bridge) Miss Ettonfield (Peter St.) Miss M. Firth (Brighouse) and Mr. E. Dracup (Alma St.) acted as accompanists for the various items.

After the conclusion of the splendid concert, which every one enjoyed immensely, the President Miss Haigh (Ramsden St.) called upon the adjudicators Mr. Barnes and Mr. Aked (Bradford) to present the Shield and Bell to the respective winners.

Mr. Barnes handed the Shield to Miss Halliday, conductor of Alma St. (91½ marks), Mr. Aked gave the Bell to Mrs. Haigh and Miss Bottomley (conductors of Ramsden St. and Peter St.) joint holders (85½ marks). Each Conductor suitably responded.

The president then handed small gifts to the two adjudicators as a token of the thanks of the D.C. for work done on our behalf.

Supper was provided by Alma St. friends at a small charge. Afterwards those who were able to stay longer joined in games of various kinds.

The Brighouse bus arrived at 10.45 p.m. which was the signal for a general dispersal.

Thus ended a red-letter day in the history of the D.C. and incidentally £4 6s. 9d., was added to the Council funds.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly meeting was held at Liversedge on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Mr. Wainwright, President, occupied the Chair. Owing to the sickness of Mr. Harding, our Secretary, Mr. Tweedale (Wakefield) was elected Secretary pro tem. Invocation by Mr. Spencer (Birstall). Welcome to Conference by Mr. Duffield of Liversedge. Mr. Wainwright responded on behalf of the Council.

In the President's address he welcomed the delegates and regretted the absence of the Secretary, through the effects of a recent operation. He asked all to join with him in wishing

Mr. Harding a speedy return to health. Judging by the proposals submitted in connection with Field Day it suggested an active interest in Council business. The progress Scheme is now in operation and he appealed to the delegates to urge their Lyceumists and Officers to endeavour to apply it as far as possible in their Lyceums that we may truly feel the impression of the ideals of our Pioneers being implanted in the lives of ourselves and those in our care. May "The greatest good of the greatest number" be predominant in our minds and guide our deliberations, that our efforts may bring joy to those in earth life and satisfaction to our friends in spirit.

Roll Call. Officers 4, Delegates 17, representing 11 Lyceums, Credential Officers 2, Adjudicator 1, Associate 1.

Minutes were accepted and confirmed.

Correspondence was accepted and filed.

Special E.C. Meeting; The action of the President was endorsed and the minutes confirmed.

Reports: The D.V.'s report was given by Mr. Daisley. He had visited York, Easy Road, Armley, Hull (Gipsyville), Hull (Holborn Hall). U.D.C. Report by the President. L.D.C. Report by Mr. Spencer.

Treasurer's Report by Mr. Hirst. Deficit last quarter 8s. 5d. Income during quarter, £5 16s. 9d. Expenses £2 17s. 4d. Balance this quarter £2 11s. 0d. All reports were accepted.

Silver Bell Progress Scheme: Mr. Barnes, the Adjudicator, addressed the Conference and reported a visit made to Newton Heath, on regalia. The effect was Harmony, blending the colours, and it was an education. Newton Heath has kindly loaned him a set of sashes and if we desired, we could purchase at a small cost of 5s., which the Council agreed to do.

It was agreed Mr. Barnes shall display them at all Lyceums during his visits.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes for interest shown in this matter.

Re-organisation of Field Day. A committee of five was elected to deal with the proposals submitted. They are, the Secretary, Mrs. Tweedale (Wakefield), Mr. Hirst and Mr. White-lock (Batley Carr) and Mr. Greenwood (Dewsbury).

Nominations, 1932. Date of closing Jan 31st, 1932. All retiring Officers eligible for re-election.

Mr. Wainwright (Armley) urged that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Secretary.

The Annual Meeting will be held at York, the date to be arranged by the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded to local friends for the use of the room and splendid tea arrangements.

Lyceums represented: Armley, Batley Carr, Batley, Birstal, Castleford, Dewsbury, Easy Road, Liversedge, Normanton, Psycho, Wakefield.

### NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held on Saturday, Nov. 28th in the Blackburn Spiritualist Church. Invocation was offered by the President, Mr. C. T. Batley, who occupied the chair.

Miss M. E. Lawton and Mr. T. Wood were chosen as Credential Officers.

The minutes were confirmed after a correction in the name of a person.

In the correspondence letters were read regarding Supervisors who, it was agreed, should be disinterested so far as results go. As there was no foundation for further discussion the subject was dropped and correspondence was accepted.

The Secretary gave a detailed statement of a scheme to cover all representation expenses. Many comments were made; the cost worked out at about 1s. 3d. per head. The Secretary is pursuing his enquiries further and will present a further report.

Treasurer's Report. Income £3 16s. 0½d. Expenses, £2 2s. 3½d. Balance £1 12s. 9d. Due to Cottage Fund £11 15s. 6d. Interim Report: Cash in hand £3 11s. 0½d.

The Secretary gave a report of B.S.L.U. activities. Britten Memorial Fund, re Central office idea for accommodating S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.

Re, £2,000 Effort, it was decided that delegates report the position of the £2,000 Effort to their Lyceums and ask for authority to close the £2,000 Effort Fund.

Credential Report: Lyceums represented 10. Not represented 10. E.C. 4, Delegates 18, Associates 9, Visitors 4. Pooling expenses 6s. 5d. per Lyceum.

The U.D.C. Report was given by Mr. A. S. Dickinson. It was suggested that no more badges of the present type be purchased and that a symbolic design be got, and that ideas be

asked for from each D.C., to be used when the subject is introduced into Conference.

A detailed statement of the Union's finances was related by the Secretary and reported to be in a precarious position.

The U.D.C. had discussed "filtering of motions for Conference." "Maintaining interest in Lyceum Methods." I.S.F. Congress"—regret was expressed more time was not allowed for the "Lyceum Education" essay.

Mr. Batley was re-elected U.D.C. President and Mr. A. S. Dickinson was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Fullard submitted an old badge of symbolic design and offered it for a sketch.

The Liverpool District has made a suggestion that North East Lancashire District act in concert with them.

The E.C. were empowered to consider ways and means for the revision of the Constitution and submit the report to the Liverpool Lyceum District Council, a fraternal delegate to attend for the purpose of explaining the proposals and the bringing back of a report. The terms of reference to the E.C. are Reduction of M.C. Conference Elections. Removal of three years limit.

The President's Address called for individual sacrifice and faithfulness to our ideals. The Education Scheme needs more tutors, joint classes could possibly be arranged. Congratulations were offered to Mr. J. Raiton and Edith Hopper on their marriage; Lancaster Gt. John St. on the opening of their new Church. Some Lyceumists sent greetings from Walkerville, Canada. Mrs. Rudd said the Walkerville Lyceumists are anxious to take part in the Education Scheme.

We decided to send our greetings and goodwill.

Miss M. E. Lawton, Mr. Batley, Mr. Wood and Mr. Dickinson were chosen to represent the N.E.L.L.D.C. at the opening of the Lancaster New Church.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the friends at Blackburn for the services rendered during the visit.

Darwen Lyceum expressed the opinion that a Social will be more profitable for Council Funds. It was agreed that we ask Darwen to run a Social for Council Funds.

Notices of Motions for A.G.M. at Darwen on 20th Feb. 1932.

That following each L.D.C. meeting, the inviting Lyceum arrange for either a propaganda meeting or a social to be given to Council general funds.

That we arrange for a return from all N.E. Lancashire Lyceums of students, tutors, facilities, etc. for studies for the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme and the joint schemes and where any difficulty is shown as a result the Council arrange for tutors, centres, etc. to give all students full facilities for study and for sitting at the exams.

That all Lyceum notices of constitution amendments sent in be considered by the sub-committee set up and if any new principle be introduced, and if deemed workable, be incorporated or clauses drafted to give effect to the principles made.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The Social Section of the London Lyceum District Council held a Dance in aid of the Children's Party Fund at Victory House, Leicester Square, on Nov. 14th. London Lyceums were well represented and we were again favoured with the attendance of several of our Indian friends.

Mr. Pearson and his band again put go into their music with the latest tunes.

The catering arrangements were ably carried out by Mrs. Bell, the Social Secretary and her band of helpers.

P.M.

#### MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, Nov. 21st, at Droylsden Lyceum, Durham St.

Attendance: E.C. 5; Delegates 20 (representing 14 Lyceums), Hon. Associate 1, Fraternal Visitors 2, Total 20.

President, Mr. R. W. Marks, G.N.S.C., in the chair.

Minutes and Correspondence were adopted.

Reports: The District Visitors' reported their visits, to Gorton, Moston, Longsight, Cheetham Hill, Droylsden, New Manchester, Hollinwood, Pendleton and Newton Heath Lyceums. A general improvement is obvious.

Pooling Scheme: The financial report shows Income £11 6s. 5d Expenditure, 19s. 8½d., Balance £10 6s. 8½d. Socials have been held in Collyhurst and Moston Lyceums. Efforts are being arranged at Longsight, and Newton Heath Lyceums.

Manchester Progressive, Droylsden, South Manchester, Cheetham Hill and Harpurhey Lyceums have promised to arrange efforts in 1932.

N.B.—A Public Dance is being organised in the Failsforth Co-op Hall on Jan 23rd. 1932.

The committee have discussed various items from the B.S.L.U. Constitution and Bye-Laws including the five years plan for revision, Election of Officers, and M.C., U.D.C., Area Representation.

Reports were adopted.

Open Council: Mr. Hart introduced the question of Groups and their inclusion in the Adjudication schedule. Various opinions were expressed as to method but no definite policy was adopted.

Mr. Lloyd suggested that the Council in future hold its meetings on Sundays and endeavour to arrange with Churches to hold propaganda meetings. It was agreed that this matter be referred to Lyceums and Churches for consideration.

It was decided to discontinue the Adult Study Class owing to lack of attendance. A discussion arose re the financial aspect of the D.C. and it was proposed that Delegates appeal to all adult Lyceumists to contribute 1d. or more to the D.C. funds.

The President, Mr. Marks, spoke re his removal from the District and asked the Council to consider the advisability of his resignation. After a short discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Marks should continue in office until the A.G.M. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Marks for his past services in the Council, everyone supporting in a sincere spirit.

We wish him every success in his new environments, industrially and socially; and we trust that he will have every opportunity to continue his work in the Lyceum movement.

Mr. Marks moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Droylsden Lyceum for their excellent tea and hospitality.

A.G.M. Feb. 6th 1932 at Pendleton Lyceum. Will all Lyceums instruct their delegates re Election of Officers, Sunday Council Meetings, etc.

J. TAYLOR, A.N.S.C., Sec.

#### SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The D.C. Meeting was held at Grosvenor Hall, Bristol, on Sat, Dec. 12th., with representatives from Reading, Eastleigh, Southampton, Portsmouth, Bristol and Devonport. A warm welcome was extended by the President of the Church, Mr. Bowen. Invocation was offered by the President, Mr. A. Lawrence of Reading.

Arising for Minutes of last Quarterly D.C. meeting it was agreed to forward letters of congratulation to Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Moule and Miss Durman in having been successful in the Entrance Examination in Education Scheme.

Correspondence: Letter of regret from Mrs. Baker, explaining her absence. From U.D.C. re analysis of B.S.L.U.'s position and suggested affiliation of Southern Counties to U.D.C. It was agreed that the latter should be placed on Agenda for A.G.M. Letters read from Ryde. It was agreed that Miss Reeves should be forwarded sympathy of D.C. and hopes expressed that she will find a field of labour for her Lyceum teaching, with thanks for what she had accomplished in Ryde.

Treasurer's Report: This was read by Mrs. Hart and showed a balance in hand of £4 15s. 3½. As the week-end would greatly reduce this balance, Mrs. Taylor, A.N.S.C. volunteered her services on the Monday in Bristol, to raise funds.

The D.V. showed activity during the last quarter in her visits to Bristol, Eastleigh and Ryde Church, and promised she would endeavour to reach Reading and Exeter before the A.G.M.

The Secretary's report dealt with the Question re, Ryde and an endorsement of his action therein was agreed upon. He stated the pleasure it was to see Devonport represented and Mrs. Brook, the delegate therefrom, promised to supplement the activity of the Council at her Lyceum and Church. Mrs. Huskins of Bristol was elected as an Associate member for 1932.

Open Council: It was agreed that following resolutions should be included upon agenda for A.G.M. "That we find some means to procure invitations a year ahead, so that we can fill Sunday platforms, and if possible, help funds by the collections."

The invitation from Eastleigh for A.G.M. on Feb. 6th was accepted with thanks and for May meeting from Southampton, including a desire that the date should be fixed as soon as possible.

Mr. Harwood moved a vote of thanks and Mr. Giles seconded, expressing a hope that we should be invited to Bristol again at an early date.

Mrs. Harding, Conductor, and Mrs. Baker, Secretary, replied, and appreciation was expressed by Mrs. Brooke of Devonport.

Benediction offered by Mrs. Taylor, A.N.S.C.

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