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PRICE TWOPENCE.

THE REVERIE OF POOR SUSAN.

At the corner of Wood Street, when daylight appears,
Hangs a Thrush that sings loud, it has sung for three
years;

Poor Susan has pass'd by the spot, and has heard
In the silence of morning the song of the bird.

'Tis a note of enchantment; what ails her? She sees
A mountain ascending, a vision of trees;
Bright volumes of vapour through Lothbury glide,
And a river flows on through the vale of Cheapside.

Green pastures she views in the midst of the dale,
Down which she so often has tripp'd with her pal;
And a single small cottage, a nest like a dove's.
The one only dwelling on earth that she loves.

She looks, and her heart is in heaven, but they fade,
The mist, and the river, the hill and the shade;
The stream will not flow, and the hill will not rise,
And the colours have all pass'd away from her eyes.

W. Wordsworth.

NOMINATION OF B.S.L.U. OFFICERS. 1932-33.

List of Nominations.

President: Mr. W. Burrows, Mr. R. W. Marks,
Mr. J. Shuttleworth, Mr. J. Slimin.

Vice-President: Mrs. A. Calway, Miss E. Elliott, Mr.
G. A. Mack, Mr. R. W. Marks, Mr. J. Shuttleworth,
Mr. J. F. Smith.

Treasurer: Mr. W. Burrows.

Auditor: Mr. C. T. Batley, Mr. J. P. T. Calway.

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

EDITH ELLIOTT, President.

A. MILLS, Asst. Secretary.

OUR GENERAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Knott continues to be seriously ill. One lung
had not been working for over a week and the Doctor
extracted a pint of fluid in the hope that the lung
would commence to work again.

The operation left Mr. Knott in a very weak and
exhausted condition, but he is slowly overcoming the
weakness, and is now much better than he was two
weeks ago, when the operation was performed.

Will all those people who have so kindly sent letters
of sympathy and goodwill please realise that Mr.
Knott appreciates their good wishes, but he cannot
possibly reply to them all.

Learn that to change your opinions in the face of
evidence is not weakness or backsliding, but is the sign
of an honest mind.

G. VALE OWEN.

The New Oral Grade Primer.

The first edition of the Oral Grade Primer has been
sold out, and a revised and enlarged edition is now on
sale. In the new edition the Education Committee has
tried to meet the opinions expressed at several recent
Conferences—and also the requests of some of our
District Councils—by including matter that can be
used in the Junior Groups during the ordinary Lyceum
Session. For some time there has been an agitation in
favour of a *Manual for the Juniors*, and the new Primer
will test the strength of this agitation by the quickness
and extent of its sale. The size of the booklet has been
increased to 56 pages (same style as the other Hand
books), and only the last 16 of these deal with the Oral
Grade Examination—the remaining pages being devoted
to an experiment in the production of a *Children's
Manual*. Seven Golden Chain Recitations have been
specially written for this section, dealing with such
subjects as *True Comradeship*, *Playing the Game*, *How
Modern Spiritualism Started*, *Child Life in the Summer-
land*, etc. There are also seven Simple Rhymes, some
of which could be used as Silver Chains (in addition to
the four in the Oral Grade Scheme) and all of which
could be learned as individual efforts; and six Short
Stories which not only teach useful lessons, but are also
enjoyable tales which the Juniors will like. A photo
of Miss Kitson and a picture of the Fox Cottage at
Hydesville have been added to the four already in the
Primer, and brief sketches of Miss Kitson, Alfred
Kitson and Andrew Jackson Davis have also been added.

The MSS. and the proofs have been submitted
to several teachers acquainted with children's work—
some of them non-Spiritualists, and their unanimous
verdict is that the new Primer is a valuable addition to
our educational literature.

There are two new Silver Chains to replace Nos. 19
and 55 in the Oral Grade Scheme, but the Catechism
remains unchanged, with the exception of some minor
alterations in the wording of the questions—such as
Question 25, "Do they ever grow up?" which is altered
to read "Do *spirit children* ever grow up?"—so that the
new Primer can be used in preparing for this year's
examinations.

The booklet is printed on art paper, with a good cover,
and the price (post free) is 4/9 per dozen, single copies
7d.

CONFERENCE NEWS.

Delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at
Rochdale, on May 14th and 15th, will be pleased to
learn that the Billet Secretary has been appointed,
and is Miss D. Richards, 18, Jutland Avenue, Spotland
Estate, Rochdale.

Mr. J. Nurse, 28, Gowers Street, Rochdale, has been
appointed Conference Secretary by the local Conference
Committee.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

April the first having departed one feels safe to walk along the street without fearing any traps.

You young rascals are little bounders at trying to play practical jokes on others on this eventful day of days, it is very naughty of you to do such things.

Of course you must not tell anyone else, but I was just as bad as you when I was your age. Many a pin and cotton have I tied to someone's window, say nothing to tying two knockers together, or a parcel to a piece of string and other childish pranks on others.

It is quite a change for you to hear me say this instead of the usual old worn out statement "I did not do that when I was a child."

Being a Lyceumist one realises "the truth shall make you free," nevertheless a Pearl comes to my mind which might be a little warning to you. Especially when you are playing jokes on others.

"Do not laugh at another's misfortune, the Banana Skin might get under your own feet one day."

From past experience I can also assure you it is always a wise policy to "look before you leap." I once had very good reasons to know these are words of wisdom.

As a boy I lived near the banks of the River Trent, to which many ditches ran. It was one of these I tried to jump without first measuring my distance. Oh what a wet day it must have been for I was just simply soaked.

These two points bring me to a lesson for you.

In most of our big towns as well as along the country roads one sees many warning signs. One I saw interested me very much, it had these words printed in bold letters, STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

It is very true many street accidents would be avoided if only people carried this motto into effect. It is also true that many stories which we could write round these three words would have far happier endings than is often the case.

Shall I just see if I can make one up to show you the illustration more clearly.

There was a boy and girl who were left at home once while their parents went for a walk. They were instructed in the usual way not to get up to any mischief, which they naturally promised they would not. Alas, time hung heavy on their hands and they decided they would play at Cricket in the passage.

The game went well for a time until a boundary was scored by means of the ball being hit through the fanlight, just at the same moment as the Postman was about to put a letter through the letter box a piece of the glass falling and causing a very bad cut to his hand.

If only our young friends had considered these three words before they had started their game, think of the trouble and expense it would have saved.

I have said nothing about the report they would give their parents when they returned. I have left this for you to fill in. "What do you think they said?"

This is only one instance where the rule applies, but there are many others. How often a cross word escapes

our lips which we are sorry for afterwards. How often it could be avoided if we only, Stop, look, listen, first.

STOP! in speaking of a car at once suggests we must put the brakes on. There are many boys and girls, men and women who go along life's journey so fast that they forget others. Selfishness becomes the chief make up of their character. They say, "As long as I am alright why worry." They forget they have a duty to help others.

LOOK. In the City of London many of our main streets have been made into what is known as one way streets, which denotes that the traffic only comes one way now. You can quite imagine after crossing such a road for years and knowing just which way to expect the traffic how surprised you are to see a motor car coming straight for you on what you once knew as the safe side of the road. It is therefore always wise to look both ways. In the same way it is wise to train ourselves to look at the right and wrong side of our daily actions. If we do this we shall find it becomes easier day by day to do that which is right because it is right.

LISTEN. How often our Lyceum Leaders try to give us words of good advice, warning us of many of the alluring lights we meet upon the road of life.

Often we turn a deaf ear to them thinking we know, but later to our sorrow we wish we had taken heed to their words "It is never too late to mend" therefore try and erect this sign in front of you to-day STOP, LOOK, LISTEN.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS PUZZLE No. 179.

Nellie, Celia, Ingram, Marjorie, Horace, Norman, Jessie, Hilda, Joe, Stella, Norah, Millicent, Frances.

I was pleased to hear from several of you last month and to know you found your names in this puzzle.

PUZZLE No. 180. Hidden Animals.

1. See that your ambitions are high ones.
2. John rattled on Keyboard, Jazz Music.
3. The Conductor said "Do go in for the Sports."
4. The pianist agreed the music was beautiful.

I want to say a word this month about the future of our Lyceum Movement. This will apply more especially to the older boys and girls.

We all want to see the movement become a centre of Youth and usefulness. To do this we must move with the times. We enjoy some happy Sessions Sunday by Sunday, but in many centres there is not much beyond this and Study Groups. Amongst the modern attractions for Youth Hiking is becoming most popular. Have you a Hiking branch in your Lyceum, if not, now is the time to form one. It is not an expensive item to arrange and one that is an aid to keeping us in touch with each other. In London the idea is taking on. Sports, Swimming Galas, and Cycling clubs, as well as many other events are being catered for during the coming months.

If you have not yet considered this social section. I suggest to you that every month neglected is a month lost to happy social recreation, which will bring you into line with all other Youth organisations, start now.

With love,

Ruberrondo,

UNCLE BERT,

126, Woodlands Rd., Isleworth.

Our Education Department.

HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

EXAMINATION DATES IN 1932.

B.S.L.U.—ALL GRADES.—Sunday, 8th May, or (by arrangement with the Supervisor) the Saturday or Monday of that week-end.

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

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

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.

The names of your Lyceumists who intend taking the examination next month should already have been sent to the Education Secretary. But if, for any reason, you have been unable to send them in during March, you still have a chance, as the closing date for receiving entries has been postponed to 19th April. Send in your entries AT ONCE, and so save your students from being disappointed. Remember, this will be their last opportunity this year of doing their bit towards the passing of our Spiritualist Emancipation Act, and we are sure they will not like to be left out of the lists.

REMINDERS TO STUDENTS.

The examinations will be held next month—on 8th May, or during that week-end.

If your name has not been sent in, ask your Secretary to send it now—it will be too late after April 19th, and you *must* take the examination.

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

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

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

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

EXAMINATION INFORMATION.

May I appeal to Lyceum Secretaries to pass on to their Tutors the pamphlets and leaflets forwarded from the General Office in the middle of February. In these pamphlets will be found all the information necessary for the proper carrying out of the Examinations, and if the Secretaries will please pass them on it will save me

having to spend time and postage in answering questions that should never have to be asked. I have received quite a number of requests for information regarding the duties of Supervisors and Tutors, and in case the pamphlets have been mislaid or gone astray, I am giving a brief summary of the duties of these officials, and also of the Secretary.

SECRETARY.—The Secretary collects the names and fees (if these are not paid by the Lyceum) of all candidates, fills them in on the List of Candidates Form—each Grade in a group by itself and headed by the Grade number (GRADE I., GRADE II., etc.), with a space of three lines between each group of names—and forwards the List to me with the Fee Form (which explains itself), adding 2s. 6d. to the fees for examination expenses and postages. When the Examinations are over, he will receive from me the marked papers and certificates, and a free copy of the Results Book.

SUPERVISOR.—The Supervisor receives from me, a week before the examination, the Questions and a sheet of examination paper for each student. He arranges for the times of sitting—a sheet of instructions is sent with each packet—sits with the students during the examination, collects all the answer papers, and sends them to me as soon as possible. He hands the Oral Grade Examination envelope to the Oral Grade Supervisor, who examines the Oral Grade in a separate room or at a different time—so as not to disturb those sitting for the written exams.—and hands the Form to the Supervisor to be forwarded with the written papers.

TUTORS.—Tutors are appointed or approved by the Lyceum Committee. Each tutor superintends the studies of the members of his or her own class, and sees that each student has the necessary Handbook for the Grade. Tutors are given a free hand—excepting that no tutor can also be a Supervisor.

LATE ENTRIES.

Entries are coming in very slowly, and I appeal to Secretaries to let me have their entries as soon as possible. I am doing the examination work in my spare time, and if entries are kept over to the last I may not be able to deal with them in time. So please send them along at once, as a personal favour to me.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD.

Several letters have come to hand in reply to my note last month. Mr. C. W. Dixon, of Liverpool, is very enthusiastic, and promises to back up any effort at reviving the Guild. Miss Halliday, of Halifax, has also promised to do everything possible, as she finds what a difference it has made in her own area to have no constant incentive to offer students. Mr. Burrows, our Treasurer, also favours the revival of the Guild, but thinks that present-day amusements will interfere with its success, and suggests that some guarantees of support should be given before anyone is asked to take on the onerous task of Leader. In the main I agree with Mr. Burrows—but when Miss Kitson started the Guild she asked for no guarantees; she just published the Guild prospectus in the BANNER and let the suggested activities plead for the idea, with what result we all know. And I believe that the same thing will happen if we make a fresh start. Many who will not write to the BANNER will join the Guild and work hard for its

success. And I shall help all I can, as I know what a difference the suspension of it has made to the Education Scheme. The Misses Lawton, of Barrow, are also strongly in favour of a revival, and will willingly collaborate with any Leader who is willing to assume the task.

There has been some criticism of the Guild Leadership being a Conference appointment, but I still think that such an important post should have Conference status and control. The fact that it was not under Conference control was used as an argument against the Guild in Miss Kitson's time, and the job of Leader is quite hard enough without having to fight against quite unnecessary opposition.

I would be glad of some further opinions from old Guildites who are willing to back up a fresh attempt. Please write direct to me, as owing to Mr. Knott's illness the General Office staff is already overwhelmed with work. And I am sure all students will join with me in wishing our genial editor a speedy return to his normal health, and in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Knott in her trouble. All who know Mrs. Knott will know with what tireless devotion Mr. Knott is being nursed and tended.

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

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

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

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

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

For all B.S.L.U. Education 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.

MY NICE BIG TREE.

O, tree I like to see you
Whenever I pass nigh,
So tall beside the gateway,
Up in the air so high.

You've always had great branches,
In winter they are bare,
But in the lovely summer
The countless leaves are there.

How do you make your blossom
I wish that I could know:
Perhaps when I am older,
I'll find out how you grow.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists all,

Since presenting my last report I have received one contribution. This, from the South Shields United Lyceum Workers, per Mr. R. Smith, Founder's Day collection, 3s., I acknowledge with best thanks.

I cannot form any idea regarding the reception of my last report, not having received any correspondence. I do hope the suggestion it contained is having sympathetic consideration. I should be interested to know what is being done in the various districts. Whatever your opinions may be, I trust that you will continue your support as long as the Fund is in being.

I earnestly appeal to all to make it possible for me to present a creditable report for Conference. I shall be pleased to receive contributions, large or small; also, any orders for the Musical Recital will be promptly attended to. 150 Hymn Sheets and six Recitation Leaflets for 5s. 6d. post free.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

118, Cremorne St.,
Nottingham.

V. G. REYNOLDS, Hon. Sec.

AREA ELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(Who will have seats on the B.S.L.U. Management Committee).

Approved Nominations have been received from the following areas.

Area.	Candidate.
A. Vacant.	
B. Mr. E. Nellist	Middlesbrough, Grange Road
Mr. J. Slimin	Sunderland, Derwent Street.
C. Mr. J. le Noury	Sheffield, Attercliffe.
Mr. J. F. Smith	Sheffield, Attercliffe.
Mr. L. Tweedale	Wakefield.
D. Mr. E. Aked	Shipley.
Mr. T. Ellis	Huddersfield, Ramsden St.
E. Mr. J. Shuttleworth	Darwen.
F. Mrs. L. K. George	Liverpool, Daulby Hall.
Mr. J. E. Hart	Longsight.
Mr. A. Hudson	Rochdale, Regent Hall.
Mr G. A. Mack	Runcorn.
Mr R. W. Marks	Newton Heath.
G. Mr. H. C. Dobby	Lincoln, Midland.
H. Mrs. A. Calway	Eltham.

Ballot Forms have been issued to the Lyceums in those areas where more than one Candidate has been nominated.

The Ballot will take place on Sunday, 10th April, at the Lyceum Session.

The names of all Candidates must be submitted to the respective Lyceums and be voted on by the Lyceumists of voting age then present; all Lyceumists of twelve years of age and over are entitled to one vote.

The number of votes cast for each Candidate shall be recorded by the presiding Officer and entered (in figures) on the Ballot Form, which shall be returned to the General Secretary within seven days, duly signed by the Lyceum Secretary and Conductor.

EDITH ELLIOTT, President.
A. MILLS, Asst. Secretary.

A LIBERAL EDUCATION.

Conductor.—That man, I think, has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that as a mechanism it is capable of doing:

Lyceum.—Whose intellect is a clear, cold, logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength and in smooth working order, ready, like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work, and spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of the mind:

Conductor.—Whose mind is stored with the knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of Nature and of the laws of her operations:

Lyceum.—One who, not stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience:

Conductor.—Who has learned to love all Beauty, whether of nature or of art, to hate all vileness, and to respect others as himself.

—Huxley.

Life.

We live in deeds, not years: in thoughts, not breaths,
In feelings, not in figures on a dial—

We should count time by heart throbs.
He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts
the best.

Reform.

You cannot put the whole world right, and all the
people in it.

You cannot do the work of years in just a single minute.
So keep your little corner straight by humble patient
labour:

Just do the work that each hour brings—and help your
next door neighbour.

Sin.

Many people talk so much about original sin that they
ignore the reality of original righteousness—"the light
that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."
Most of us have good reason to be afraid of original sin:
all of us have good reason to be grateful for original
righteousness.

J. Arthur Thomson, M.A., LL.D.

SOUL AND BODY.

Poor Soul, the centre of my sinful earth,
(Fool'd by) those rebel powers that thee array,
Why dost thou pine within, and suffer dearth,
Painting thy outward walls so costly gay?

Why so large cost, having so short a lease,
Does thou upon thy fading mansion spend?
Shall worms, inheritors of this excess,
Eat up thy charge? is this thy body's end?

Then, Soul, live thou upon thy servant's loss,
And let that pine to aggravate thy store;
Buy terms divine in selling hours of dross;
Within be fed, without be rich no more:—

So shalt thou feed on death, that feeds on men,
And death once dead, there's no more dying then
W. Shakespeare.

THERE'S A MAN IN THE HOUSE.

The night was a cold one, so dreary and chill,
The house wrapped in silence, was peaceful and still;
And Dad, he was snoring, so cosy and warm,
Not thinking of danger, or dreaming of harm.
For in fancy he roamed, 'mid visions of light,
Life's ills laid aside, in dreams of the night.
But hark, there's a call, in a clear ringing voice,
"Say Dad, hurry up, there's a man in the house."

Dad waits not for clothing, but seizes a chair,
And in ghost-like apparel, mounts up the stair,
A chair in his hand, and a gleam in his eye
That says, "I'll be master, I'll get him or die.
But where is the monster? and why do you stare?
Is it fun to be robbed? What an idiot you are."

"Oh Dad, how jolly, it's my birthday you know,
I'm just one and twenty, now go down below
And finish your slumber. Now Dad, don't be cross,
There's a man in the house, sleep with no fear of loss."
Dad made no reply, but remarked to his spouse,
"Say wife, did you know, there's a man in the house."

MRS. ANN WILSON.

CHARACTER OF A HAPPY LIFE.

How happy is he born or taught
That serveth not another's will;
Whose armour is his honest thought,
And silly truth his highest skill!

Whose passions not his masters are,
Whose soul is still prepared for death;
Untied into the world with care
Of princely love or vulgar breath;

Who hath his life from rumours freed,
Whose conscience is his strong retreat
Whose state can neither flatterers feed,
Nor ruin makes accusers great

Who envieth none whom chance doth raise
Or vice; who never understood
How deepest wounds are given with praise;
Nor rules of state, but rules of good.

Who God doth late and early pray
More of his grace than gifts to lend;
Who entertains the harmless day
With a well-chosen book or friend.

—This man is free from servile bands
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall;
Lord of himself, though not of lands;
And having nothing, he hath all.

Sir H. Wotton.

"I feel sorry for that poor fellow," said a man,
on seeing a beggar in rags.

"Sorry?" replied his friend, "How much does
your sorrow run to?"

"It runs to a good square meal, and a shilling for
a night's lodging."

That was the right kind of sorrow to have; it was
practical.

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Organisation.

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Next month's issue of the LYCEUM BANNER is the Conference number. There will be a Supplement of eight pages to allow for the printing of the numerous Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts.

A few Conferences were held prior to 1890 and the Spiritualists who were specially interested in Lyceums decided to form a National Union, under the title of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

One of the disadvantages which prevented the commencement and growth of Lyceums was that most Spiritualist Societies would not accept any responsibilities, though interested individuals were allowed the free use of the societies' rooms to commence and maintain Lyceums, at such times when the societies did not require the rooms for their own use.

The B.S.L.U. was founded during May 1890, at Oldham. It was a coincidence that the Spiritualist National Federation (now the S.N.U., Ltd.) was instituted during July of the same year. Thus two separate national organisations came into existence almost simultaneously. From 1890 to the present day there has always been a large number of people who have supported both sections of the movement. At the same time there have also been some people whose sympathies were purely with the Lyceum or the Societies.

The Lyceum section has always carried a large portion of interested adults to carry on the work. It is the need of education for the children of Spiritualists that has ever been present in the minds of the adult section of the Lyceumists.

The Societies, or churches, as most of them are now named, have displayed their activities in propaganda. The presentation of phenomena has also been a feature of public work.

These phases of Lyceum and Church work mainly define the relation of the two sections to each other and their methods of operation before the public.

The Lyceum method has been very largely of a domestic nature and provided the means for internal study. The only propaganda which took place was

through the Secretary, quarterly meetings conducted by the Executive Council, and the visits paid to Lyceums by the appointed District Visitors, with occasional public demonstrations.

Attention has been largely centred in the production of necessary literature. Full opportunity was taken within existing churches to use a sympathetic membership for the allowance of accommodation. We pay our tribute to the churches for providing these facilities.

It was the persistence of Alfred Kitson, our respected adviser, which was mainly responsible for the beginning of the B.S.L.U. He became, and remained, the General Secretary for over thirty years.

Another lover of the Lyceum cause, J. J. Morse, founded the LYCEUM BANNER in November, 1890. Until that time Mr. Kitson had to depend on the Spiritualist Press, and written replies to new Lyceums, for conveying information.

The LYCEUM BANNER was adopted as the official organ of the Union at the 1891 Conference. Mr. Morse transferred the BANNER to the Union as a free gift in 1902. Mr. Kitson became Editor, and thus there has been direct contact between the Union and its constituent Lyceums ever since.

A *Lyceum Manual* was compiled by Mrs. Emma H. Britten, H. A. Kersey, and Alfred Kitson, soon after the Union was established. Mr. Kersey undertook the publication. After he had regained his disbursements, he presented the *Manual* and the *Spiritual Songster* (which he also published) to the Union.

A publishing fund was started and eventually the Union was able to publish its own literature.

With the growth of the Movement District Councils were formed to superintend the interests of local affairs in relation to the Union. The United Districts Council came into being and has been a filtering ground for the business of the Annual Conferences.

The machinery of the Union provides for the single idea of an individual Lyceumist reaching the Annual Conference with full discussion of its merits or otherwise. The business of the Union can also operate from any of its component sections.

Trustees have charge of investments. The Management Committee decide on publications and general policy between Conferences of the Union. The District Councils operate all local business. It is optional for Lyceums to affiliate with the District Councils or remain outside their respective Councils. It is certainly an advantage to be associated in local work with all the other Lyceums in the district; this method is encouraged wherever possible.

In all national affairs the Lyceums deal direct with the National Secretary. In all local matters the Lyceums deal with the District Council.

With a live District Council, the national work, policy and growth is encouraged and assisted. There are at present 19 districts. Two of the districts have no council.

The chief idea in giving the foregoing details is to encourage each Lyceum and District Council to examine our statistics, finance, policy, basis of government, and general welfare.

There is an Education Committee dealing purely with that phase of the work. It is an important factor in Lyceum growth.

During the last four years we have a decrease of over

2,000 Lyceumists. Is this falling away taking place in your district, or in your Lyceum? Presumably it is. It is impossible to visit all Lyceums scattered over the country, hence we appeal from the centre to the limits of our membership.

Truth is its own missionary, but as it can only be expressed by us as we know it, we must encourage its power, not only to live within and through us, but in the minds of others who live about us.

We have the ministry of angels for our guidance and the youth in our land demand service and revelation.

If we provide for this demand in an acceptable way we shall find our numbers, our prosperity, and our enthusiasm have increased in such a way that our progress will be sufficient reward for the labours we have expended. "Where the cause is weak, be thou her builder of strength."

G. F. KNOTT.

S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for January and February, viz:—

January: Halifax, St. Paul's, £1.; contents, collecting box, 3s. 8d.; Hounslow Church £1 1s.; Letchworth Church collecting box, 11s. 7d.; Sutton Spiritualist Mission 7s.; Keighley, Heber St. £1.; Bounds Green Christian Spiritualist Church, £1 1s.; Collyhurst Church, 11s. 6d.; Hebden Bridge Church, £1.; Bacup, £2 17s.; Rectory Hall Lyceum, Gateshead, 5s.; Sheffield Centre Alliance, £1.; 1931 and 1932 contribution Meols, 5s.; J. D. Turner, 8s.; M.H.W., 10s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, 10s.; Special effort, Mrs. Laywell and friends per Mrs. Leadbetter, Southport, 15s. Total £13 6s. 3d.

February: Charminster 10s., Mrs. H. Cox, 8s.; Meols, 5s.; Mrs. Leadbetter, Home Circle £1.; Coventry, Broadgate, £1 1s.; Nottingham, Beaconsfield, £1 10s.; Great Yarmouth £1 1s.; Rochester Square Spiritualist Temple £2 2s.; Belfast Assoc., £2.; Bristol 1st Church, Surrey St., £5 5s.; Edinburgh Assoc., £10.; Brighton, Mighell St., for Mrs. Green, £1 1s.; Hull, Holborn Hall, 15s.; (for Mrs. Green). Total £26 18s.

The Committee tender their grateful thanks for the contributions received these two months, and look forward to receiving further help as the months go by. Our pensioners are increasing, so don't forget the old folks who have made the way easier for us.

With grateful thanks,

4, Ravenstone Gardens, Yours fraternally,
Sutton Mill, MARY L. STAIR.
Nr. Keighley, Yorks.

With reference to the Play by North London Lyceum (see advt.), the Officers have agreed to give a performance for the benefit of any Church or Lyceum, only requiring payment of expenses.

The Hall is within two minutes of Hornsey Road L.M.S. Station. Buses from King's Cross, etc. (14) and Finsbury Park, Highgate, etc. (110) pass the door.

Children only admitted to reserved seats if accompanied by an adult having a Reserved Seat ticket.

The Play is original, and is a full evening's performance.

TRUE LOVE.

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.

O no it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempest, and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be
taken.

Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out ev'n to the edge of doom—

If this be error, and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.
—W. Shakespeare.

THE LIFE WITHOUT PASSION.

They that have power to hurt, and will do none,
That do not do the thing they most do show,
Who, moving others, are themselves as stone,
Unmoved, cold, and to temptation slow,—

They rightly do inherit Heaven's graces,
And husband nature's riches from expense;
They are the lords and owners of their faces,
Others, but stewards of their excellence.

The summer's flower is to the summer sweet,
Though to itself it only live and die;
But if that flower with base infection meet,
The basest weed outbraves his dignity.

For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds;
Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.
—W. Shakespeare.

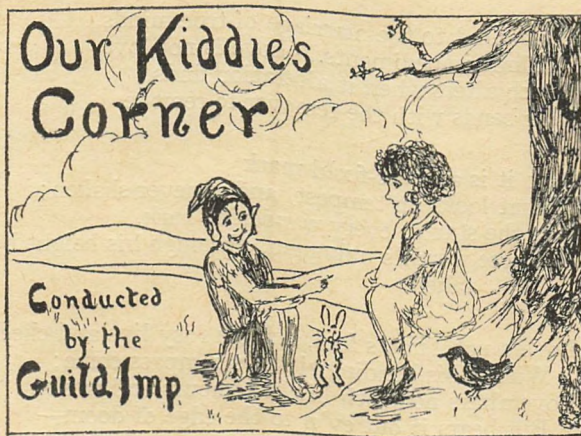
ON HIS BLINDNESS.

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent, which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent

To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest He returning chide—
Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?
I fondly ask—But Patience to prevent

That murmur, soon replies: God doth not need
Either man's work, or His own gifts: who best
Bears His mild yoke, they serve Him best. His state
Is kingly; thousands at His bidding speed
And post o'er land and ocean without rest—
They also serve who only stand and wait.

J. Milton.



Dear Little Imps,

I hope you have all had a jolly Easter, and now are just as ready to enjoy all that the Spring may bring. Hasn't everybody been very busy, getting ready for these sunny months? We are not the only folks who "spring-clean." The birds do it too, as they mend up old nests, or prepare their new ones. The animals do it when they make their homes cosy enough for baby animals to live in them. Farmers and gardeners have lots of work to do, as they make ready for the growing time. Wonderful, isn't it, that sunny days should make everybody so anxious to make their homes spick and span?

THE GARDENER.

There was once a gardener who loved every plant in his garden. He was a kindly old man, who had spent nearly all of his life amongst gardens, and, to him, the plants were as much his friends as any of the people he knew.

In March he had dug all the soil over, and had laughed at the robins that followed his spade, and hunted with bright eyes for fat worms. The songs of the birds were always pleasant company for the gardener, and he never disturbed the nests that were hidden in the thick ivy on the walls. Other folks grumbled at the damage done by the birds, but the old gardener knew better than that. He was sure that the birds earned more than they took.

April found the gardener busy amongst his seedlings. He planted the seeds in boxes in his greenhouse, and when the tiny plants were strong enough, he planted them out in the garden beds. To plant tiny seeds, and to watch them grow into living plants, was a yearly joy to the gardener.

It was whilst he was working amongst his seedlings that the gardener first met the green fairies. He was planting out Pansy seedlings, along the borders. All that morning had been given to making their beds ready, and now, he knelt on the path, trowel in hand, with a box of young plants, and a can of water at his side. He would make a hole with the trowel, pour some water into the hole, and then gently put in a plant, and press the soil around it. Often, as he worked, he would talk softly to the plants—just telling about his thoughts, as though the plants knew all about them. In fact, he was so sure that the plants did understand, that he wasn't a bit surprised to hear the plants talking softly, first to each other, and then to him.

First, there was just a little murmur from the box of plants, and he couldn't quite hear what was said.

Soon, he learnt to pick out the sounds, and he smiled as he found that the plants were talking about him. There were no flowers on the plants, yet, so he knew that it couldn't be flower fairies. Were there any leaf fairies in the world? He soon found out, as he listened.

Stooping to gently lift out a plant, he heard the next plant say, "Goodbye," brother, I wonder if our friend will let us live close together in the garden. It has been fun growing up in our box house." The gardener paused for an instant to hear the reply. "Oh! I think we shall be near together. How lucky we shall be. Oh! and I can see our bed. It does look soft, and it is quite ready for us. Tell the others, then they'll not be sad about leaving our box."

The gardener laughed as he murmured softly, "You shall be near together, my beauties. I'll have one long line of Pansy plants, then you can all talk to each other. But, who does the talking? Tell me that, please." There was a little happy rustle amongst the plants, like a lot of fairy laughs, and each little leaf seemed to move as the answer came. "It is we leaf fairies that are talking. People are always talking about the flower fairies, but they forget all about us. We can talk to you, because you will understand. You know that there wouldn't be so many flowers if we leaves didn't work hard."

"I'm so pleased you have come to talk to me," said the gardener. "Somehow I knew that plants could talk to each other, long before the flowers came. And I do know that the flowers need green leaves. They are never so pretty without you. Sometimes I wish that I needn't sell any of my plants, for I'm sure all the people who come to buy you don't think as much of you as I do."

"That is just why we want to talk to you now," answered the leaf fairies. "We have so many friends growing up in your boxes in the greenhouse, and we know that lots of them will go to live in other people's gardens. Pansies bring thoughts, you know. That is why you can hear our voices better than those of the other leaf fairies."

"Pansies do bring thoughts," said the gardener. "You have given me a thought now. Tell me all about yourselves, and then I can tell all the people who come for plants. Perhaps that will help them to understand you better."

"That is splendid!" said the leaf fairies. "Listen and we shall tell you what everybody ought to know. We leaves are busy little workshops. We use up the sunshine, and the air, and the sap sent to us by the roots, and make them all into food. The food that we make is sent all over the plant, and sometimes we make such a lot that it is stored up in plant pantries. People forget that when they eat good green leaves, or rhubarb, or potatoes, and carrots and turnips. We help to make the fruits too. Even at night time, when we can't have the sunlight, we go on breathing for the plants."

"How wonderful" cried the gardener. I always did admire good green leaves. Now I shall welcome them more than ever." "Ah," called out a fairy, "You've reminded me of something else. Leaves are so fond of their work that they grow ill—and turn pale, or yellow and small and weak, when they can't work. Do tell the people that, please, and then they will be sure to give us the things we need for our work. We must go now, for here come some visitors, Goodbye."

The gardener, had gone on working whilst the leaf fairies had talked, and had taken care that his Pansy plants could talk easily to each other. When his visitors had gone he put up some notices on his greenhouse door. The top one said. "*Treat your plants as friends.*" Underneath that one, was a larger one which said "*Let your plants work for you. Give them sunshine, air to breathe and water to drink.*"

People laughed at the gardener's notices, but they remembered them, and their plants grew well. They thought it was just because the gardener only sold good plants, but he knew better. "Plants treated as friends are always good plants" he would say, and smile as he remembered that his plants had given him a host of fairy friends.

Lots of love, Imps,

MEG.

A PSYCHIC CENTRE IN CALGARY.

A few years ago Mr. William A. Garrad, of Calgary, passed to the higher life. He was very interested in the Lyceum and the serious study of Spiritualism.

He has continued his interest from the spirit side of life and his mother, Mrs. A. Garrad, has, at his request opened a College of Psychic Science for the study of Spiritualism and the development of mediums.

AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.

The Ainsworth Home of Rest Fund exists for the purpose of sending Lyceumists to the seaside for convalescence in cases where Lyceumists cannot afford to pay for the treatment.

Forms of Application for treatment at the seaside may be obtained from the Clerk to the Ainsworth Home of Rest Committee, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

It is a pleasure to read that the Pendleton Lyceum has removed to the premises which were formerly occupied at Ford Lane. We often grumble about Lyceums being upstairs, but that is better than downstairs. We compliment Pendleton Lyceum on the revival of activities and the opportunities of increased progress.

Say not the law divine
Is hidden from thee, or afar removed;
That law within would shine,
If there its glorious light were sought and oved.

Soar not on high
Nor ask who thence shall bring it down to earth;
That vaulted sky
Hath no such star, didst thou but know its worth.

Nor launch thy bark
In search thereof upon a shoreless sea,
Which has no ark,
No dove to bring this olive-branch to thee.

Then do not roam
In search of that which wandering cannot win.
At home! at home!
That word is placed thy very heart within.

Oh! seek it there,
Turn to its teachings with devoted will;
Watch unto prayer,
And in the power of faith this law fulfil.

—B. Barton.

Patron-Members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 powers 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.

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

PATRON-MEMBER FUND. Bury, King St. Lyceumists, 5s. ; Bowes Park, Mr. Cocksedge and Mrs. Stroude, 1s. 8d. ; Whitley Bay Lyceumists, 8s. 3d. ; Blackpool Lyceumists, Mr. Hadcroft, Miss O. Hadcroft, Mr. Rothwell, Mrs. Rothwell, Miss Baker, Mrs. Nutter, Mr. Singleton, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. Seddon, Mr. J. Matthews, Mr. G. Chatterton, Mr. J. Chatterton, Miss D. Hammerton, Mrs. Hobbs, Mr. A. Chatterton, Mr. Seddon, Mrs. Chatterton, Miss P. Chatterton, Mrs. Bayliss, Miss Bayliss, Mr. Bayliss, 12s. 6d.

SUPPLEMENTARY FUND. Huddersfield, Ramsden St., 10s. ; Belper 10s. ; Liverpool L.D.C., 18s. ; Mrs. Moulton, 3s. 3d. ; Llandudno, 5s.

CHANGE OF LYCEUM SECRETARIES, &c.

Woolwich and Plumstead.—Miss M. James, 57, Federation Road, Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

Shildon.—Sec. pro tem. Mr. J. Lee, 3A, Main Street, Shildon. Wallsend-on-Tyne.—Mr. Johnson, 1 Back Buddle Street, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

Earby, Greenend.—Mr. Morby, 21, Island Square, Earby.

Grimby.—Miss D. Devereux, 176 Durban Road, Grimby.

Longsight.—Miss G. Entwistle, 14, Beard Road, Mount Road, Gorton, Manchester.

Batley.—Miss Hirst, 13, Warwick Mount, Warwick Road, Batley.

Birstal.—Miss A. Spencer, 21, Pickersgill Street, Dewsbury Road, Ossett.

Leeds.—D.V., Mr. H. Spencer, 21, Pickersgill Street, Dewsbury Road, Ossett.

She was a phantom of delight
When first she gleamed upon my sight ;
A lovely apparition, sent
To be a moment's ornament ;
Her eyes as stars of Twilight fair ;
Like Twilight's too, her dusky hair ;
But all things else about her drawn
From May-time and the cheerful dawn ;
A dancing shape, an image gay,
To haunt, to startle, and waylay.

I saw her upon nearer view,
A spirit, yet a woman too !
Her household motions light and free,
And steps of virgin-liberty ;
A countenance in which did meet
Sweet records, promises as sweet ;
A creature not too bright or good
For human nature's daily food,
For transient sorrows, simple wiles,
Praise, blame, love, kisses, tears and smiles.

And now I see with eye serene
The very pulse of the machine ;
A being breathing thoughtful breath,
A traveller between life and death.
The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength and skill ;
A perfect woman, nobly plann'd
To warn, to comfort, and command ;
And yet a Spirit still, and bright
With something of angelic light.

W. Wordsworth.

Children's Puzzle.



There's a pair of this; a pair of that,
You'll find a boy's and a lady's hat.
But carry-on, and if you're alert
Send all your answers to Uncle Bert.

THE BLIND BOY.

O say what is that thing call'd light,
Which I must ne'er enjoy ;
What are the blessings of the sight,
O tell your poor blind boy.

You talk of wondrous things you see,
You say the sun shines bright ;
I feel him warm, but how can he
Or make it day or night ?

My day or night myself I make
When'er I sleep or play ;
And could I ever keep awake
With me 'twere always day.

With heavy sighs I often hear
You mourn my hapless woe ;
But sure with patience I can bear
A loss I ne'er can know.

Then let not what I cannot have
My cheer of mind destroy.
Whilst thus I sing, I am a king,
Although a poor blind boy.

C. Cibber.

SYMPATHY.

We often do more good by our sympathy than by our labours. There are many sad hearts all about us; hearts bowed by many an anguish. How can we reach such? Sympathy gives us some hints in regard to the expressions which help to bear sheaves of comfort to tried ones. Kind words of sympathy and encouragement cost little, but oh, how they help to lift the dark cloud and let in the rays of sunlight which warm and brighten the darkened lives.

Exercise your spirit in a loving sympathy with sorrow in every form. Soothe it, minister to it, succour it, it is the divine force of God in the world. Yes, sympathy will work wonders in a shadowed home. Try it and see if your own heart does not come into closer union with your spirit Guides, for the work is God-like.

Thus, through a darkling sorrow steal
Hopes ever soothing, rays sublime,
That, casting light through coming time,
Make present clouds less weighty feel.

Music, when soft voices die,
Vibrates in the memory—
Odours, when sweet violets sicken,
Live within the sense they quicken.

Rose leaves, when the rose is dead,
Are heaped for the beloved's bed;
And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,
Love itself shall slumber on.

P. B. Shelley.

District Visitor's Report.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Liversedge, Nov. 29th, 1931. Commenced prompt with 20 adults and 15 children. Lively interest taken in lessons. Marching and callisthenics were good.

Heckmondwike, Jan. 24th, 1932. Commenced prompt with 22 present. Interesting discussion of lessons. Pearls, solo and recitations by younger members. Marching and callisthenics good.

Batley, Feb. 7th, 19 present. Interesting and educative remarks passed on lessons. Younger members are to be congratulated on their excellent explanations. Marching and callisthenics good. The compiler of the afternoon's lessons could not have chosen better.

Cleckheaton, Feb. 14th. Commenced prompt with 42 present. Discussion of lessons good. Explanations of pearls very good. Marching and callisthenics good.

I wish to thank all Lyceumists who have in any way helped to make me feel at home in their Lyceums during my term of office.

A. DAISLEY, jr. D.V.

UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

The U.D.C., half-yearly meeting was held at Bury on Saturday and Sunday, March 12th and 13th.

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

The districts represented were South East Lancashire, Mr. J. Nurse; Leeds, Mr. Wainwright; North East Lancashire, Mr. T. Wood; Bolton, Mr. R. Johnson; North East Cheshire, Mrs. Mould; Nottingham, Mrs. Paling; Sheffield, Mr. Armitage; B.S.L.U. Management Committee, Mr. J. Shuttleworth; Secretary, Mr. A. S. Dickinson.

The Minutes were accepted as read. Questions were asked about a symbolic Badge, the £2,000 Effort Fund, the Joint Meeting between the S.N.U. Ltd., and the B.S.L.U., and the Children's Manual. The Minutes were adopted.

Items from the correspondence were relegated to the Agenda. The U.D.C., are to forward a recommendation to the B.S.L.U., Management Committee for a reduction in the prices of all bindings of the "Lyceum Manual," in order to create better sales.

It was decided to pay 10s. Annual Fees on account.

The Secretary's report was accepted and adopted.

The President, Mr. Batley, in his address, appealed for economy without affecting the efficiency of the Union, and he offered his condolences to the General Secretary in his illness.

Questions arose on the President's Address and a discussion arose regarding Christian Spiritualist Churches.

The President's Address was adopted.

The Credential Report was accepted.

Much discussion took place on Amendments to the B.S.L.U. Constitution and Bye-Laws as introduced by Mr. Armitage, the Sheffield L.D.C. delegate.

The Nottingham delegate suggested that the M.C., through the Secretary, should publish a long precis of the work done, in the LYCEUM BANNER.

Mr. Shuttleworth, on behalf of the North East Lancashire L.D.C., and with the common consent of all delegates, spoke on the Amendments to the Constitution put forward by the North East Lancashire L.D.C. After a long discussion it was decided to refer all the Amendments to the D.C.'s for further discussion.

Mrs. Paling introduced a discussion relative to Education, and it was eventually decided to send Mr. Connor a precis of this conversation.

A vote of thanks to the local friends for the cordial hospitality closed the meeting.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Dean, President of the Bury Church, opened proceedings by inviting various local and district officials to the platform. Mr. Batley then took charge of the Session.

Readings were conducted and questions were answered by members of the U.D.C. The theme of the Session was Progress. A good display of marching and callisthenics was shown.

Individual items were rendered by Lyceumists.

Greetings were exchanged with five District Councils, the B.S.L.U. Management Committee, and eight Lyceums.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Batley conducted the evening Session and the theme was "Beauty." Lyceum song No. 52 was sung to the tune of "The end of a Perfect Day" and was very effective.

The U.D.C. Delegates again conducted the readings and answered questions and explained the readings.

Marching and callisthenics were well performed. The young leaders were very efficient. Mrs. Mould recited a poem of her own composition culled from 64 titles from the Lyceum Manual.

Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Shuttleworth both gave short addresses.

The Sessions were bright, cheerful, and harmonious, and were well attended.—A. S. Dickinson, Sec.

District Council Reports.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Keighley Rooms on Saturday, 13th February, Miss Boyes was in the chair; all Officers present; all Lyceums represented; a few associates and two visitors. We opened by singing "The March of Life." Invocation by the President, Miss Boyes. Mr. Schofield and Mr. Nicholls were appointed Tellers.

The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was accepted. On account of our late President, Mr. Wilford, having had to resign owing to business, the Secretary gave a report, and after discussion it was adopted. District Visitors' report, after much discussion upon certain matters, was adopted. It was decided to adjourn for tea at 4-30 and assemble again at 5.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Whitby, of Saltaire Lyceum; Vice-President: Mr. Hollings, of Idle Lyceum; Treasurer: Mrs. Craig, of Shipley Lyceum; Secretary, Mr. Aked, of Shipley Lyceum; District Visitor: Miss Boyes, of Keighley Lyceum; Auditors: Mr. Coles, of Shipley, and Mr. Illingworth, of Idle.

The Standing Orders Committee report was given by the Chairman, Mr. Midgley, and each item was discussed separately.

The Balance Sheet was adopted and also the Auditors' report. It was decided that the Shield and Bell presentations shall be in November and December, and Council Meetings be held in the afternoon. Concerning discussion *re* supporting of all Lyceum Anniversaries it was decided to refer back to Lyceums and report at the Meeting at Laisterdyke Lyceum on Sunday, 13th March.

The Bell presentation and Social was held in the evening; a good time enjoyed by all. Vote of thanks was given to our Keighley friends.

The adjourned Meeting was held at Laisterdyke on Sunday, 13th March. Officers, delegates, associates and visitors assembled with scholars for the opening of Lyceum session. "Roses of Life" was very nicely rendered. Mrs. Craig gave the invocation, delegates then adjourned to hold meeting at 10-15, Miss Boyes being in the chair. As one of the Tellers was not present Mr. Hopwood was elected Teller. All Lyceums were represented; also Officers, two associates and two visitors. We continued with report of Standing Orders Committee and it was adopted after discussion. *Re* revision of Constitution, the sub-committee gave their report and it was decided to send forward the suggested alterations. Vote of thanks was given to Officers for services rendered, and the Meeting was closed.

A monthly meeting of Council was then held. Minutes of last Council Meeting were read and adopted. Report of special effort held for Council fund showed a loss of several pounds. It was decided to hold a series of events for raising money. It was decided to hold a ramble on 9th July.

Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Hardisty, Mr. Webb and Mr. Hargreaves were confirmed associate members. New members nominated were Mrs. Sugden, Mrs. Bright Jowett, Mr. Hollings and Mr. Hopwood. It was decided that Mrs. Whitby be delegate to B.S.L.U. Conference; failing Mrs. Whitby, Mr. Hollings to be the delegate.

Open Session was held in the afternoon. Mr. Hollings, Vice-President, was Conductor. Evening service, Mr. Hollings was in the chair. Meeting was addressed by Mrs. Craig, Miss Boyes and Mr. Aked. Vote of thanks to our Laisterdyke friends brought a good time together to a close.—E. Aked, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The A.G.M. was held at Spen Lane, York, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, 1932. The President, Mr. Wainwright, was in the Chair. Invocation by Mr. Tweedale, of Wakefield. Local welcome was given by Mr. Franks, and accepted by the President.

In his address the President said he was pleased to welcome all. He was glad to see the Secretary back in harness again. He hoped we should endeavour to make our Annual Demonstration the success it deserves to be. Our Progress Scheme is now fully established. Revision of Constitution takes place at the Annual Conference this year and the Council ought to take an active interest in this. He thought the Inter-change of Conductors was a scheme worthy of further consideration.

Minutes of last quarterly meeting and A.G.M. were accepted and confirmed.

Correspondence. The action of the Secretary *re* a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Spencer was endorsed. All correspondence was accepted and confirmed.

The D.V. reported visits to Liversedge, Heckmondwike, Batley, and Cleckheaton. Mr. Daisley demonstrated the Wing Movement to the Conference.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at the end of the year £3 16s. 6d. Field Day Fund, Income, 1931 Demonstration £1 11s. 10d. Expenditure 10s. Balance 1930, £25 18s. 8½d. Balance 1931, £27 0s. 6½d. The Auditors reported all was correct and recommended acceptance.

L.D.C. Fraternal Delegates' report was very interesting.

Field Day Committee: Recommendations *re* organising. It was agreed the Secretary be instructed to issue a copy of report to each Lyceum.

The Secretary gave his yearly report. All reports were accepted.

Election of Officers: President, Mr. Wainwright (Leeds, Armley); Vice-President, Mr. Whitelock (Batley Carr); Treasurer, Mr. Hirst (Batley Carr); Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding (Wakefield); D.V., Mr. Spencer (Birstall); Fraternal Delegate, L.D.C.); Mr. Daisley (Leeds, Psycho); Auditors, Mr. Firth (Armley); and Mr. Whitwam (York); U.D.C. Delegate, Mr. Wainwright; B.S.L.U. Delegate, Mr. Harding.

We recommend all Lyceums to support Mr. Tweedale as Area Representative. B.S.L.U. Nominations, President, Miss E. Elliott; Vice-Pres., Mr. Mack; Treasurer, Mr. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. Batley.

Adjudicator for the Progress Scheme, Mr. Barnes, of Bradford.

A Notice of Motion "That in future there shall be no Secretary's honorarium" was defeated.

A Notice of Motion from Batley Carr was referred to the U.D.C., after much discussion, for their advice.

Dewsbury invitation for the 1932 Field Day Demonstration was accepted.

Mr. Spencer appealed to Lyceums for old "Lyceum Manuals" for a new Church that has opened at Kippax, nr. Castleford. They desire to start a Lyceum.

Next meeting to be held at Batley; the date will be arranged later.

It was left to the Secretary to arrange the meeting for Field Day. Vote of thanks to local friends for their hospitality was moved by the President and seconded by the Secretary.

Roll Call 21 delegates, representing 15 Lyceums; Associates 4, Officers 4, Credential Officers 2, Fraternal Delegate from L.D.C. 1. Total 32.

Lyceums represented were Armley, Batley Carr, Batley, Castleford, Dewbury, Gipsyville, Hemsworth, Heckmondwike, Holborn Hall, Horsforth, Queen St., Morley, Normanton, Queen St., Leeds, Psycho, Wakefield, York.

FIELD DAY MEETING was held on Saturday, March 19th, at Wellington Street, Dewsbury. Mr. Wainwright, President of the Council, was in the chair. Welcome by Mr. Gregory was accepted by Mr. Wainwright.

Mrs. Greenwood was elected Field Day Secretary. It was agreed that the Demonstration be held on July 9th at Dewsbury.

Field Marshal, Mr. Whitelock (Batley Carr), Assistant Marshals, Mr. Daisley (Leeds Psycho), Mr. Spencer (Birstal), Mr. Walker (Hemsworth), Mr. Lilly (Normanton); Council Messenger, Mr. Whitaker (Batley). It was agreed that invitations be sent to District Council, District Committees, Y.D.C., Area Representative, special invitations to Dad Kitson and Mr. Barnes, Adjudicator. A feature of this year's demonstration is that our Dewsbury Lyceumists have undertaken to do all the catering. The idea is for the profits to accrue to the Council.

Prices of Tea, Adults 10d., Children 7d., if ordered before the Day of Demonstration. If not tea will be 1s. each for adults. Hymns were selected.

Gate collectors are Mr. Horton (Batley), Mr. Whitwam (York), Mr. Walker (Hemsworth), Mr. Horsley (Cleckheaton). The Secretary was given instructions *re* Bands, Posters, Handbills, Number cards, etc. All business in connection with the Field Day should be made to Mrs. Greenwood, 4, Trinity Buildings, Ashworth Road, Dewsbury.

The next meeting will be held at Wakefield if arrangements can be made on April 23rd.

MR. WAINWRIGHT, President.

MRS. GREENWOOD, Field Day Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Brixton Spiritualists Church and Lyceum on Saturday, February 20th, 1932. The President, Mr. Fruin, presided, supported by the various officers of the Council, and Miss Elliott, President of the B.S.L.U.

Mr. Paine, President of Brixton Church, and Mrs. Brown, the Lyceum Conductor, welcomed the Council to Brixton.

The Roll Call revealed the presence of 5 officers, 3 assistant officers, 6 members of the E.C., 29 Delegates, representing 17 Lyceums, 1 Life Associate, 14 Associate members and 14 visitors, making a total of 72.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Fruin, during his Presidential Address, briefly dealt with the work of the past and the progress so far made in various directions. His address dealt mainly with the re-organisation scheme before the meeting; why this re-organisation was necessary; and how he hoped the work and usefulness of the Council would be enlarged by the adoption of the scheme.

Much useful discussion followed the address and it was adopted with thanks by the meeting.

The various reports showed that a considerable measure of support had been accorded the various activities of the Council during the year.

The statement of accounts showed an Income of £37 13s. 9½d., and an expenditure of £34 19s. 10½d., leaving a Balance of £2 13s. 11d.

The Children's Party Fund showed an Income of £19 2s., and an expenditure of a like amount. The Balance in Hand at the end of the year amounted to 26 12s. 1½d., made up of General Fund £2 13s. 11d., Social Fund £16 1s. 3½., Athletic Fund £5 6s. 11d., Pooling Fund £2 10s.

The Secretary's report revealed that three Lyceums had closed, and one new Lyceum had become affiliated, making a net loss of two Lyceums for the year. The official returns of the Union revealed that there were 1200 Lyceumists in London.

The District Visitors and Assistant Visitors reported on the visits made and the general standard of the various Lyceums visited. Every Lyceum had been visited at least once during the year.

The Social Secretary reported that the social efforts had been a marked success from all points of view, particularly the financial.

The Competitions Secretary reported that the various competitions had been a success and asked that suggestions be made for further useful competitions. A choir competition had been suggested.

The Athletic Secretary's report revealed that extensive plans were being made for the coming year. He reported that Mr. S. Calway had been elected as Secretary of the Club and Mr. J. Calway as the Chairman.

The re-organisation scheme adopted at the last quarterly meeting was confirmed by the necessary alterations being made to the Councils Bye-Laws. This scheme provides for the division of the London Lyceums into five groups with a representative of each group as a member of the E.C. The various duties assigned to the group representatives will greatly assist the District Visitor and will help to bring the Lyceums in the group into much closer touch with each other and the Council by means of joint sessions, socials and other gatherings.

The election of Officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. E. Fruin; Secretary, Mrs. A. Calway; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Fruin; District Visitor, Miss A. Pennington; Vice-President, Mr. S. Williams; Asst. Secretary, Mr. J. Calway; Group Representatives, A. Mr. F. King. B. Mr. T. W. Ella. C. Mr. Wenborn. D. Mr. W. Rainbow. E. Miss Ashley. The above form the Executive Council. Social Secretary, Mrs. Williams; Competitions Secretary, Miss Ashley; Delegates to B.S.L.U. Conference, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fruin; Delegate to London District Council of S.N.U., Mr. J. Calway; Social Committee, Mesdames Tiffin, Drew, Irving and Petz. and Mr. Sumner.

The invitation to hold the Next Quarterly Meeting at South-end on 18th June was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all retiring officers for their services during the past year.

The Brixton friends were suitably thanked for their kind hospitality.

During the evening Miss Elliott addressed the assembled delegates and friends. It was indeed a pleasure to have Miss Elliott with us and I am sure her words of advice and encouragement will greatly help the London Lyceumists during the coming year.

A. CALWAY (Mrs.), Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Liverpool Lyceum District Council was held on Sat, Feb. 13th, at Daulby Spiritualists' National Church, Liverpool.

The President Mr. Watkins presided over delegates from Wigan, Warrington, Boaler St., Liverpool, St. Helen's, Run-corn, Daulby, Chester, Southport and Birkenhead: S.W. Lancs. Group Delegate, Associates and visitors: a total of 20.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

It was decided that the 'Notices of Motion to amend the B.S.L.U. Constitution and Bye-Laws' which were passed at the Special Meeting for that purpose need not be re-read.

The Correspondence was accepted and arising out of same it was passed that the Council thank Wigan, Daulby and St. Helens Lyceums for their donations to the Council funds. It was also agreed that under the new rules the Adjudicator for the Session Competition may visit two Lyceums in the same town on the same day.

The question of 'Internal Education Scheme' was referred to item on the Agenda re 'Definite Policy.'

President's Address. Mr. Watkins thanked the Council for their co-operation during his term of office and urged the delegates to be prepared for any question on the Agenda, encouraging them to be alert.

Reports: Secretary's. Items touched upon were: the good average attendance at Council Meetings; and appeal for a more

successful Eisteddfod this year; thanks to all Lyceums who have donated to the Council funds; the success of the Concentration on a Definite Subject each quarter: the Massed Session, and the success of the special meeting called for the Consideration of the B.S.L.U. Constitution.

Treasurer's Report. This showed a balance in hand of £2 3s. 10½d.

Auditor's Report. Mr. Keeling reported that with the exception of one receipt missing, the accounts and cash in hand were quite correct. The Treasurer awaits this receipt.

District Visitor's Report. Mrs. Clitheroe has visited Chester, Birkenhead and Rock Ferry Lyceums. Through her visit she has brought back the suggestion that, 'before Liberty Groups discuss subjects which are not well known within our movement, members should read an authoritative book on that particular subject.' She also suggested that a collecting Box for farthings might be placed in each Lyceum for the £2000 Effort Fund.

S. West Lancs. Group Report. Items touched upon by Mr. Jones were: 'The scheme of the Group forming a Panel of Speakers, from which, under certain conditions of delegates attendance, one free date could be applied for; the suggested antagonism between Lyceums and Churches; the final arrangements for Good Friday; and the subject for the June Propaganda Meeting Platform Mediumship.'

The Council decided to continue affiliation with the B.S.L.U. and to forward a donation of 18/- in conjunction with the Fees, to the B.S.L.U. It was decided not to purchase any copies of the 'Aura, Kilner Screens.'

Effort of the Council for £2000 Effort Fund. Daulby and Boaler St. Lyceums have already made a profit out of the 2s. capital afforded them by the Council. Other Lyceums in the council have promised to co-operate in this Scheme. It was decided to continue the scheme until Feb. 1933. It was passed that the Secretary inform Mrs. Reynolds of our effort, with suggestions of working it, in order that it might encourage other Lyceums to formulate similar schemes.

Election of Officers: President, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, A.N.S.C.; Secretary, Mrs. L. K. George, A.N.S.C.; Treasurer, Mr. O. Jones.; District Visitor, Mrs. D. Watson; S.W. Lancs Group Delegate, Mr. G. Burns; Auditors, Mr. E. A. Keeling, A.N.S.C. and Mr. S. Watson, A.N.S.C.

Nomination of Officers for B.S.L.U. President, Miss E. Elliott, A.N.S.C.; Vice-President, Mr. J. Shuttleworth; Treasurer, Mr. W. Burrows, A.N.S.C.; Auditor, Mr. C. T. Batley.

Massed Session. It was decided to hold this at Daulby Church on Sunday Oct. 23rd, Conductor, Mrs. George, Mus. Conductor, Miss Keeling. It was agreed that the 6-30 service be left in the hands of the Daulby Lyceum Committee to decide.

Subjects for Concentration this Quarter. 'Originality.' Mr. Howells promised to type copies of Internal Education Scheme and these will be forwarded to Lyceums for consideration.

Finance of Union. Mr. Dickinson's letter re the B.S.L.U. Finance was considered and it was suggested that the system of Capitation Tax which this Council are bringing forward as an amendment to the Bye-Laws would help considerably to place the B.S.L.U. on a firm financial footing and requested that all Lyceums in the Council support this amendment.

Eisteddfod. It was decided to ask Mr. Mack to accept duties as Pooling Scheme Officer.

Pooling Scheme for delegates to the B.S.L.U. Conference. This is to be referred back to Lyceums for definite decision at next meeting. Points for discussion 'Should every Lyceum be represented at Conference' and 'Is this method the best way to secure it.' Will Lyceums please discuss these two points.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Daulby friends for their hospitality. The next Council meeting will be held on Sat. May 7th at Chester.

L. K. GEORGE, A.N.S.C., Sec.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The annual general meeting of the above council was held at Dearnley on 13th February, there was a good attendance. The following officers were elected, President, Mr. A. Hudson; Vice-President, Mr. Carter and Miss Horton; Secretary, Mr. Nurse.; Treasurer, Mr. Dewhurst, District Visitor, Mr. Shaw. The Council dealt with the conference business and decided to send notices of motion to amend the B.S.L.U. constitution, also conference arrangements were outlined. A propaganda meeting followed and a pleasant time was spent.

J. NURSE, Sec.

Births, Marriages, and Transitions.

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

IN MEMORIAM.

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

"O God of nature and of grace,
How lovely is thy dwelling place."

Special Reports.

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

DUNEDIN.—The Lyceum re-opened on Feb. 7th, after the annual holiday, there being almost a full muster. We regret that during the past year the bigger girls have left, but we have some keen ones among the smaller children, and they are now settling down to the preparation of the B.S.L.U. examination.

Feb. 21st. Open Session. Rain prevented full attendance, but three visitors were present. Pearls by all and recitations by Frances Anthony, Roland, Hilda and Kathleen Paul, Nancy Rainbow, Herbert McGilvray, Mrs. McGilvray, and Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mr. A. W. Stables who were present. Song by Mrs. Gore. Readings, Mrs. Paul and Miss Burgess, and pianoforte solos Mr. Hargreaves and his daughter Joan. Questions asked on the Oral Grade Primer called forth quick and ready response from most of the children.

After the closing hymn Mr. Stables gave the benediction and a very happy afternoon ended.

Greetings were received by the Conductor from Mr. Knott at close of year, and others have been received through Mr. Gore. Dunedin Lyceumists reciprocate all good wishes.—(Miss) R. Burgess, Con. Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—A most enjoyable evening was spent on Sunday, March 6th, at 4, Sandford Terrace, the temporary home of the Lyceum. A service was taken by Mrs. Metcalfe, a medium from the Tyneside, who gave an address on "The Deity" followed by very evidential clairvoyance. Adult Lyceumists and the parents of Lyceumists were present. A splendid evening was spent which we hope will be repeated.

G. COOTE, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.—On March 20th we held our Open Session. The readings were taken from the Education Scheme. Recitations were rendered by Joan Ireland, Irene Tuner, Arthur Sparkes, Stanley Sparkes, Solos by Miss Gethings, Jessie Peers, Joan Ireland. We received greetings from ten Lyceums who complimented us on a very good and inspiring session—R. Temple, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 7th. We had quite a nice gathering and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Pearls, songs and recitations were rendered by Hazel Dale, Reenie Lang, Marguerite Kinghorn, Eileen and Edith Nichols, Gordon Fairbairn, Fred Nichols, Harry Forrest, Julius and Frank Mahalik, Mrs. H. Forrest and Mrs. J. Hargreaves. We were favoured with a violin solo by Julius Mahalik.—Olive Forrest, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after March 23rd.

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 April 20th to ensure insertion in the May issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—The following contributed in making a good session, Recitations, W. C. Livesey, J. Tipping, M. Woodhead, L. Ward, E. Tabiner. Solo by F. Holgate. Duets by Mrs. Higson and Miss Tabiner, J. Jones and F. Morton.—J. Chatburn, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session March 6th, conducted by Mr. Fazackerley. Recitations by Billie Edwards, Walter E. Swift, Miss Phyllis Edwards. Solos by Miss Nellie Laycock, Mrs. Houliker, Miss Frances Laycock. Duets by Walter E. Swift and Billie Edwards; Mr. Alex Taylor and William Crabtree; Miss Nellie Laycock and Marjorie Dobson. A very pleasant time was spent together.—Mrs. Crabtree, Sec.

BACUP.—On Saturday 5th March we held social and prize distribution. Prizes were presented by one of our Lyceum scholars, Miss Mary McKenna. 28 Firsts, 2 Seconds, 5 Thirds. We had a good attendance. On Sunday morning 6th March, Open Session. Marching and callisthenics were gone through. S.C., M.R., G.C., pearls, recitations, solos, and a group of male voices. On Sunday afternoon and evening the Lyceum rendered two service of songs: Afternoon "The Silver Lining," Evening "Whiter than Snow." The reader was Mr. Harold Greaves.—S. Carter, A.N.S.C., Sec.

BARNESLEY, Grace St.—We regret to announce the passing of a dear sister to the higher life on Feb. 12th. The interment was at the Barnesley Cemetery on Feb. 16th, Mr. A. Hughes of Barnesley, officiating. Gone from our midst is a physical body who worked well and nobly for our movement.

On March 21st we held a naming ceremony on the infant child of the above sister. Earthly name "Joyce" spiritual name "Sunbeam." The Session was conducted by Mrs. N. Fisher. Solos, pearls, recitations, duets, were rendered. Accompanist was Mr. A. Hughes.—F. Lunn, Sec.

BARROW, Preston St.—On Feb. 23rd, Mr. Batley of Fleetwood was our speaker for our Lyceum Day. We all spent a good time Miss L. Fenton rendered a solo. Mr. Batley spoke to a large congregation and we know that his mission will do good, both for Church and Lyceum.—Mrs. L. Brown, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session March 6th, conducted by W. A. Kneale, Recitations by Gertie, Annie, Florrie, Muriel and Gwennie Watson; Vera Hamilton, Stanley Landreth, Elizabeth, Mona and Lily Saunders, Harold and Olwyn Dalys, Mrs. Williams, Peggy Williams, Ernest Kneale, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Edwards. Solos by Mrs. Harding, Lily Harding, Miss Brown, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Mars, Mrs. Harper. Pianoforte solos by Eileen Edwards, Edith Winters, Miss Thompson, Mr. Whiteley. Violin solos by Leslie Hamilton and Albert Thompson, accompanied by Miss Thompson. The District Visitor was present and remarked upon the excellent items rendered. Mr. Watson was also present. Mr. Williams also paid us a visit. After welcome and response fraternal greetings were exchanged. A session thoroughly enjoyed.—Wm. Kneale, Sec.

BRISTOL, United.—Feb. 29th, the Lyceumists gave their second performance of the Children's Operetta, entitled "Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs," to a very appreciative audience. We realised £3 18s. in aid of the Lyceumists Summer Outing.—Mildred Thompson, Sec.

BURY, King St.—On March 13th, Mr. C. T. Batley, President of the U.D.C. conducted Open Sessions. The Delegates to the U.D.C. meeting conducted readings and answered questions. Marching and callisthenics were very well done. Individual efforts by Lyceumists were very much appreciated. We spent a very happy day.—Nellie Dean, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, March 6th conducted by Mr. T. Brooke. Silver Chain Recitation was conducted by Mr. Horsley. Connective Readings by Gladys Hutton, Herbert Horsley, and Mr. Brooke. Pearls by Herbert Horsley, Jack Wilson (3), Mary Ellison (3), Mr. Horsley, Gladys Hutton, Eric Walker, Brook Drewitt. Recitation by H. Horsley. Solos by Mr. Horsley, Jack Wilson, H. Horsley. An enjoyable session was spent.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DARWEN.—Open Session, March 6th. An excellent session, with a good attendance, including a few Blackburn Lyceumists. The Annual Ladies Effort on March 12th proved a huge success. A dainty tea was followed by a humorous sketch, Woodford Hall, which was very well received by an audience of about 150.—John Sutton, Br. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Open Session Feb. 28th. Conductor, Mr. J. H. Collier. Pearls by Sam Warren, William Johnson, Ettie Day, Mr. A. Holdsworth, Lilian Whightman, Violet Thomas. Recitation by Ettie Day, Violet Thomas, Margaret Greenwood, Eric Whitworth. Solo by Miss F. Senior. Duet by Clarissa Phillips and Margaret Greenwood. There was the Naming Ceremony of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, by Mr. J. H. Collier. Earthly name "Harry," spirit name "Star Line." There were about 100 Lyceumists and friends present. An excellent session was held. We were pleased to see Mr. A. Kitson back in the Lyceum again after the illness of Mrs. Kitson. We were pleased to again see Mr. R. Phillips after his illness.

March 6th we had the speaker for the day Mr. W. Litchfield from Belper. He visited the morning session and gave the children a real treat. The Sec. wishes to thank him very much for what the children received. A session well to be remembered.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our open session 6th March, conducted by Miss Johnson. On 20th March we had our prize distribution. Miss Johnson, the conductor, presented the prizes to Lyceumists who had gained their marks. The following Lyceumists won prizes: M. Holloway, M. Wattam, D. Mumford, M. Alvis, W. Alvis, B. Maltby, M. Chalmers, D. Mottram, J. Mottram, V. Bates, M. Bates, F. Soan, V. Soan, M. Soan, B. Scotting, Miss Trout, A. Crossland, W. Riley, A. Ball, L. Middleton, S. Middleton, D. Middleton. Two special prizes given by Mr. Bates were awarded to Albert Ball and Mary Chalmers. We had a very nice enjoyable time.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session 6th March. Songs and recitations were given by K. Hodgkinson, G. Blackburn, N. Hodgkinson, E. Hancock, E. Greenhalgh, E. Fox, O. Wilkins, J. Hancock and R. Hancock, R. Hodgkinson, T. Hancock, G. Morby, L. Etherington, W. Hancock. A good time was spent together—J. Smith, Ass. Sec.

EARBY, Onward.—Open Session March 6th. Songs and recitations were given by Ronnie Clough, Dennis Seddon, Vera Fellows, Edna Wellock and Mrs. Hancock. A good Session enjoyed by all.—Mrs. J. W. Clark, Sec.

EASTLEIGH.—Open Session, 6th March: the attendance was good, the Lyceumists rendered pearls, solos and recitations, and also our Conductor gave an interesting reading.—R. L. Harwood, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session 6th March, items were well given and received. Recitations by Kathleen Hague, Ruth Harris and Tom Wright. Duets by Jessie Wood and Brenda Mayhew, Kathleen Hague and Dorothy Harris, Laura Mather and Marie Drews, Minnie Wright and Ruth Harris. Trio by Dan Wright, John Reeve and Willie Gibson, and several good pearls were given. We had a good attendance and a very enjoyable session. During the afternoon the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson was given the earthly name of John William, and the spirit name Hero, by our Conductor Mr. Batley.

On 24th February our Lyceum Concert Party, Merry Midgets, gave a successful concert for Church funds. In the first half of the programme they gave a play called "Wonderland." Great credit is due to the Midgets for the way they sang and acted their parts, every part was well rendered and we have nothing but praise for the little Midgets.—L. Vollams, Sec.

HEMSWORTH.—Saturday, 13th February a social was held and a happy time was spent, with games and refreshments for our Lyceumists. Then Mr. Colman presented 16 first, 17 second and 12 third prizes. We are pleased to have three young men join our Lyceum. Sunday, 28th February open session, there being a large attendance of children and adults. Conductor, F. Walker, Solo by C. Fraud; Duets by F. Simpson, G. Briggs, J. Wardle, A. Simpson, I. Walker. Marching and callisthenics were well done: our sympathy goes to our Treasurer Mr. Wardle upon the loss of a dear sister, "Earthly loss, Spiritual gain."—Mrs. Bates, Sec.

HYDE, George Street.—On Saturday 27th February we held a grand re-union of old and new Lyceumists when 160 children and adults sat down to a sandwich tea, splendidly served by a willing band of workers. A splendid concert was given by the Lyceum children and friends. Mr. Harper and Mr. Fieldhouse were the pianists. It did one good to see so many old faces again. Everyone joined hands in closing, and sang "Auld Lang Syne."—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LANCASTER, Bulk Road.—Open Session 6th March, recitations and solos were given by I. Partridge, M. Bleasdale, E. Saw, D. Kirk, E. Marsden, also a good number of pearls.—M. Bouskill, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—We had our open session on Sunday, 6th March and the following items were rendered. Recitations: Mrs. Hurst, Elsie Clements, Lily Jayes, Elsie Garratt, Joan Whitbread, Ethel Gamble, Cyril Clements. Solos: Jacky Whitbread, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites, Mrs. G. E. Whitbread. Duets: Yvonne Dehoux and Irene Ashby. Trio: Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Thwaites, Mrs. Hurst. On Sunday 28th February we had a naming ceremony in the Lyceum of the infant daughter of our Musical Conductor, Mrs. Whitbread, before a large number of friends and the Lyceum, which was performed by our Conductor, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites, and was given the spirit name of "Windflower."—T. Kenney, Hon. Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—Our Lyceum is still progressing. Silver Chains are explained very well. Pearls and items are plentiful and we always have a happy and instructive session.—Cyril Fisher, Sess. Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—Our Lyceum is progressing favourably under the conductorship of Mr. MacDowell. We made five new members in March. Callisthenics are improving greatly.—Bella Rayment, Sess. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—We again had the honour of the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress at our Prize Night on March 9th. Councillor Potts was the Chairman and welcomed our Guests. A very enjoyable entertainment was given by the Lyceumists. The elder girls opened with a Chorus and Dance. "Here we are again." The juniors followed with "Happiness Pie." Miss Hulley gave a descriptive dance "The Wind" and for encore "Sailor's Hornpipe." A fairy Play "Beauty and the Beast" by the Lyceumists was splendidly rendered.

The prizes were presented by the Mayor, who spoke a few words and greeted each one with a handshake. The Mayoress gave the special prizes. Joan Challinor, our youngest Lyceumist, aged three, presented the Mayoress with a bouquet and Constance Fearick gave buttonholes to the Mayor and Chairman. Councillor Potts proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress, which was seconded by Mrs. Pimblott, and received hearty applause from the audience.

Refreshments were served by the Lady members of the Church Committee. All the refreshments had been given.

The second part was opened by a song picture "Gipsy's Warning" by Elsie Cottrill and five Lyceumists. Then came the juniors with "Soldiers of the King," and very smart they were. The farce, "Uncle John from Yorkshire" proved we have good dramatic talent in our elder Lyceumists. It is impossible to mention all names but we must mention our Fairies: Phyllis Swindells, Lilian Potts, Lilian Lathom, and Alice Birchenough, and the "Imps" Betty Bratherton, Joyce Potts, and Joyce Edge. The juniors were trained by Mrs. Challinor and Phyllis Swindells, and the seniors by Miss Hulley. Accompanists Mrs. Pimblott and Miss Hulley.

Election of Officers: Conductor, Mrs. Challinor; Assistant, Mrs. Holland; Musical Conductor, Miss Hulley, Assistant, Miss Betty Kenyon; Guardian, Miss Winnie Carter; Guards, Mabel Cotterill, Connie Downing, Harry Johnson, E. Carter; Librarian, Mr. Carter; Leaders, Mrs. Holland, Miss Hulley, Miss Swindells, Mrs. Henshaw and Miss E. Cotterill, Secretary Mrs. Ruston.—Hannah Rushton.

MANCHESTER, Harpurhey, Sharston St.—Presentation of shield was performed at an excellent Session. Good attendance from other Lyceums. Miss E. Todd, Late Conductor, conducted the session. Tea Party and Social on April 16th. Price 1/3. All welcome.—J. Nuttall, Lit. Sec.

MANCHESTER, Maskell St.—Having regard for the number of our Lyceumists at present we were amply repaid at our Open Session on March 6th with the items rendered by Misses M. Hart, D. Sharp, A. Sharp, M. Ford, Master R. Hart and Mr. H. V. Sharp. Our conductor, Mr. A. Henshaw, invited our visitors for further items. Several responded. Mr. Hart, President M. & S. L.D.C., passed a few remarks. Greetings from 10 Lyceums were given bringing our pleasant session to a close. March 20th our Group was conducted by Mr. J. Taylor, Secretary of M. & S. L.D.C., with a very interesting subject "Some criticisms on our system of Lyceums." He elucidated many possible ways of remedying faults.—S. Sharp, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—Our Liberty Group on Sun. Feb. 28th was led by Mrs. Frost, one of our own members, her subject on Mediumship was interesting. It is the first time Mrs. Frost has taken a liberty Group and was enjoyed. On Sunday March 6th our Open Sessions were splendid and many of the visitors giving our children much praise for their marching and calisthenics. We had 11 visitors who gave greetings from their Lyceums. At the evening sessions four visitors recited for us. We did have a real good day.

On Monday March 7th the infant daughter of our Assistant Conductor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor passed into the Spirit World at Booth Hall Hospital, aged 5 months and was interred on March 11th at Bradford Rd. Cemetery.

On Saturday March 12th the Gents Effort in aid of the Children's Whit week trip was a success resulting in over £2 being handed over to the Funds.

Sunday March 13th. A memorial session for our little flower who has gone on before was held, many of our adult members taking part. We trust that the glorious knowledge of the return of our dear ones may bring comfort to her parents in their deep sorrow.

The Flowers for March have been given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. Smedley, Miss Froggart. A Rose bowl for the table has been given by Miss Watson and Miss Shaw. We thank all friends who help us in any way. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—Fannie Shaw.

MANCHESTER, Princess Hall.—We held an Open Session on 13th March at 2-30 and 6-30. We had a wonderful day. In the afternoon session many efforts were given by the Lyceumists and in the evening session the efforts by many young Lyceumists were well received by a full Lyceum. We were pleased to have with us the President, Secretary and D.V. of the Manchester and Salford L.D.C., Mr. Hart, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, who gave us great encouragement in their greetings. Ten Lyceums were also represented. We all send our thoughts to our General Secretary, wishing him a speedy recovery.—W. W. Ely, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—It is with regret that we report the physical loss of our fellow lyceumist Mr. George Nellist, late Captain of Guards. He was an ardent and diligent worker in our cause and was heart and soul in the Lyceum Movement. He was representative to the Tees-side District Council and will be greatly missed in our Lyceum. Nevertheless we realise that he will be ever with us in spirit.—M. Harrison, A.N.S.C.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Feb. 27th we held our yearly Tea Party. A good number sat down to tea. In the evening a revue was presented by the Lyceumists entitled "Sense and Nonsense." We should like to thank our two friends, Mr. Thistleton and Mr. Heron, who gave musical items on the violin and piano. Much appreciated.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On 25th Feb. we held our Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers: Conductor, Mrs. Hayward; Secretary, Mrs. Moule; Treasurer, Mr. Grice; Guardian of Groups, Miss C. Jones; Musical Conductor, Maisie Hodge; Captain of Guards, Mary Hayward; Librarian, Miss Durman; Guards, Bernard Moule and Joan Hutchins; Delegates, Mrs. Chambers, Miss Olive S. Jones; Auditors, Mr. Howell and Mr. Hutchins.—C. Stuart-Jones.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—Our Open Session on March 6th was conducted by Miss A. Bilsborough. Recitations were rendered by Mavis Holt, Connie Tallon, Agnes Tallon, Thomas Stanley, Ronald Holt and Ronald Kilner.

Miss E. Tallon and Miss B. Nicholas recited "The Angel Guest." Several pearls were given. The session was very enjoyable.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

RYDE, Newport St.—(sponsored by the Portsmouth Temple Lyceum)—Open Session March 6th, conducted by Miss Reeves, A.N.S.C. Our songs and readings dealt with "The March of Life." daily pressing on up progression's shining road. Pearls by all present. Recitations by Joan Bell, Miss Dorothy and Eileen Perkis. Papers were read by Tony Perkis, Mrs. Oak (Love), Mr. Hunt (Inspirational Writing).

We were pleased to have Mrs. Carter with us, who gave the greetings of Brighton Lyceum, and spoke on the value of the Lyceum teaching. A bright and interesting session enjoyed by all. Welcome to Lyceumists when visiting the Island.—E. Oak, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—On March 20th we had an Open Session which was very interesting. Some of the items were very educating. Somehow we do lack in loyalty and unity and until we can get this brotherly love we shall never win and grow in grace.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We are pleased to record that we are the first prize winners in the Sheffield District Lyceum Council Banner and Bell Competition for 1931. Our thanks are extended to those who made this possible. The Banner will be unveiled at our Open Session on 3rd April. "The Workers Win."—James Le Noury, A.N.S.C., Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—Open Session, Feb. 7th. Mr. George Hill was Conductor. On this day our Church was visited by the members of the Sheffield District Committee for their Annual General Meeting.

We had a good number of the Council visitors with us for the Session. A good session was held, certain points being stressed by the visitors. Individual items were given by Mary Fox, Lydia Field, Theresa, Jessie and Alfred Beetson, William, Albert and Olive Nutt, Vincent Porter, Eric and Edna Barber, James and Clifford Craig, C. Higginbottom, Eileen Burrows, Ed. Fisher, E. and Alma Oxley, Jean and Madge Turton, Hilda Atkin, Lewis Gregory and Vera Blythen.—H. Truelove, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Woodseats.—Open Session March 6th. Conductor, Mr. Round. Recitations by Joan Eaton, Freda Lake, Joan Morgan, Mary Oldham, Audrey, Joyce and Mavis Fox, George Skelly, Ernest Nettleton, Ronald Yellops. Pianoforte solos by Miss Fletcher, Billie Wilkinson, Robert Yellops. Solo by Helen Prescott.—Miss E. Jefferson, Sec.

SHILDON, Newlands Avenue.—On March 6th the child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee was named by our Conductor, Mr. J. Chester. Earthly name "Brenda," spirit name "Purity."—J. W. Lee, Sec. pro. tem.

SHIPLEY.—March 6th Open Session. Conductor for the day was Miss Dorothy Coles. The following took part: solos by Mrs. Aked and Miss Hudson. Recitations by Mrs. Sutcliffe and Miss Eva and Lilian Gascogyne. A very enjoyable session.—E. H. Coles, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, 16th March, we held our sixth annual Old Folks' Party. This year the clerk of the weather smiled on our invited guests. Hence, 94 dear old souls were enabled to come and have an enjoyable time. After partaking of a substantial (truly) tea, a splendid programme was rendered by Lyceumists and friends, intermingled with efforts by the guests themselves, which added greatly to their enjoyment. Old favourites of by-gone days bringing back happy memories were rendered. Miss Villbrow, our Church organist, led the community singing. Great pleasure was expressed at the presence of two old Lyceumists, Leslie Oldham and Ray Hart, both of whom fortunately arrived home from sea in time to assist in the programme. The former especially "brought down the house" with his female impersonations. During the evening each old gentleman was provided with tobacco and matches and before leaving each of the ladies had a gift of a packet of tea. Each guest was given tram tickets to and from the Hall. One of our guests expressed the thanks of the old folk. Mrs. Hart, our guardian, responded, expressing the hope of meeting them all again next year and what pleasure it gave the workers to see them happy.—E. W. Long, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—Open Session March 6th conducted by Mr. F. Sutcliffe. G.C.R. conducted by Mr. Frank Hepworth of Bury, who was that day celebrating two birthdays, being 73 years of age, and having completed 52 years of continual platform work. Many happy returns were extended to Mr. Hepworth by the Lyceum. Recitations were given by Brian Hebblethwaite, Mary Holt, and Cyril Wilcock. A pianoforte solo by Donald Rishton.—Miss F. M. Lees, Sec.

WALSALL, Goodall St.—March 6th Open Session. Conductor, Miss A. Harrison. Recitations by ten Lyceumists made up a very enjoyable Session.—W. Hollinshead, Banner Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—Feb. 28th Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Hall, our late Conductor. This was followed by the presentation of a lovely reading lamp to both Mrs. Hall and Mrs. C. Stratford, our late Guardian, by Mrs. Heddersley, our Conductor. An appreciative from the Lyceumists.—M. Gardener, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—March 6th. Open Session well attended. Lyceumists rendered excellent pearls, recitations, and a duet. George Cartwright, aged 16, conducted the session.—Paul Warrilow, Sec.