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Promoted—George Frederick Knott General Secretary of the B.S.L.U.



The whole of the Lyceum Movement will be shocked to learn of the passing into spirit on April 11th, of the General Secretary, George Frederick Knott, at the age of 56 years.

Mrs. Knott nursed him devotedly during the whole of his illness, which lasted over a period of three months.

At a very early age Mr. Knott was left without mother. He was the youngest of a family of seven. When still a youth he made his first attendance at the Collyhurst Lyceum, Collyhurst Street, Manchester. At the age of 18 he went to reside in Rochdale, where he became associated with the Regent Hall Spiritualist Church and Lyceum, being a member for 32 years. During that time he served in the capacity of President, and for three consecutive years he was the Church Pastor. The Church, at this period, was entirely maintained by voluntary contributions. Mr. Knott also held the office of Trustee for the Church.

Latterly he had been a Member of the Baron Street National Spiritualist Church and Lyceum, where he was held in very high esteem by the members.

During the past 30 years Mr. Knott has only been absent from one Lyceum Conference. Apart from hav-

ing served for many years as an Auditor and Trustee, he has also been a Member of the Executive Council, and was elected President of the B.S.L.U. in 1917, at the Hull Conference. He was re-elected in 1918.

For many years he contributed to the pages of THE LYCEUM BANNER, writing "The Chums' Corner." This won for him the fond affection of hundreds of children who read his articles with interest and delight.

At Keighley Conference, 1920, Mr. Knott was elected General Secretary of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, which position he has retained up to his transition.

His passing is an irreparable loss to the Union. In him we had a valued servant and a faithful friend. He will be greatly missed by many who appreciated his genial nature. He was always ready with a smile and a word of helpfulness to one and all—optimistic in his views, and in all things he undertook that were in the interests of the Children's Cause, and for the amelioration of humanity. Always on the side of education, he primarily promoted the present education scheme, which has grown to be of vital importance in the curriculum of our Lyceum training. It was through his foresight that our publications were made copyright.

Owing to his persistency we are now able to enjoy in fuller measure the benefits derived from the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme. It took 25 years to bring the scheme to full fruition.

Since 1924 Mr. Knott has represented the B.S.L.U. on the International Spiritualists Federation Grand Committee, having attended, apart from the Executive Committee meetings, three Congresses, held at Paris, 1925, London, 1928, and latterly at The Hague, in September, 1931. His associations with representatives from other countries have brought the value of the work of the Lyceum Union in the cause of child education to their notice. He was always regarded as "The Child's Man." This in itself is a wonderful tribute to the work he did for the Movement he so ably represented.

Mr. Knott's activities in the social world have been of inestimable value. He has done a tremendous amount of good solid work behind the scenes—the kind of work most necessary and most useful in the Labour movement. Fred Knott was always regarded as a true socialist, pursuing his socialist ideals with unbounded vigour and enthusiasm, yet always practical in his methods. He has been a member of the Independent Labour Party for 28 years.

He was a keen enthusiast for the Margaret McMillan Nursery Schools, and won the esteem of Margaret McMillan herself. When her sister compiled Margaret's autobiography, he was amongst the recipients of her book, as an appreciation of his advocacy of their system of training the child mind.

Mr. Knott was a keen student of the St. John's

Ambulance Corps, and served in the Medical Army Corps during the Boer War. He also served during the Great War at the local auxiliary station.

Thus a great man, with a great mind and lofty ideals, passes to that greater realm of activity, wherein he will find his reward for the labours he has expended in the service of others.

"He liveth long who liveth well."

The funeral took place on Friday, April 15th, and was preceded by a short service in the home, conducted by Miss Edith Elliott, President of the B.S.L.U. Mr. G. F. Berry, General Secretary of the S.N.U., and Mr. E. W. Oaten, President of the I.S.F., paid their tribute on behalf of organised Spiritualism. Mr. Stanley Dawson, on behalf of the Rochdale Trades and Labour Council, expressed appreciation.

Floral tributes were sent by—Mother, Dorothy and Ernest; sisters and brothers-in-law; Norman, Alice and Marjorie; W. T. Kelly, ex-M.P. for Rochdale; Annie, Eddie and Baby Teddie; Amy, Edith and Lily; Mrs. Bamford and family; 37, Regent Street; John Wadsworth, The Rydal Press, Keighley; The Neighbours; The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union; The Spiritualists' National Union; The Two Worlds Publishing Co.; Rochdale (Regent Street) Church and Lyceum; Rochdale (Baron St.) Church and Lyceum; Rochdale (Baillie Street) Church and Lyceum; Bury Church and Lyceum; London L.D.C.; The Ashkir Jobson Trianon; The Rochdale Trades and Labour Council; The May Day Dancers; The National Union of Foundry Workers.

The chapel of the Manchester Crematorium was all too small for the large number of friends who had gathered to pay homage to the physical remains of George Frederick Knott.

No greater tribute could have been paid to the social work rendered by our arisen friend, than that paid to him by W. T. Kelly, Ex-M.P. for Rochdale. "There are many people to whom great monuments are erected, and whose names are enshrined in the pages of history, but I venture to say without any attempt at flattery that there are few greater than G. F. Knott" he concluded.

Councillor Jessie Greenwood, J.P., conducted the committal service. She said; "I have known Fred Knott for many years, in fact, it has almost seemed as if I was the mother and he was the son of our Lyceum Movement. You know of his work. We are met today feeling that we need not grieve as men and women without hope. Nay! we have an assurance, founded upon facts, that the spirit of our friend still persists. We shall miss his handshake. We shall miss his presence, and we shall feel that the parting has come all too soon. But we know that all these things shall come to us through another channel—we *shall* have his presence, we shall feel his thoughts, we shall still rejoice in his constant companionship. That is the great strength of our Spiritualism."

As the coffin passed slowly from our view Mrs. Greenwood concluded with "Peace be unto him."

The following organisations were represented at the Crematorium: B.S.L.U., Mr. W. Burrows; Two Worlds Publishing Co., Mr. J. L. Richardson; B.S.L.U. Auditors; Mr. G. A. Dixon, Manchester and Salford L.D.C.; Bolton L.D.C.; Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.; Leeds L.D.C.; N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.; N.E.

Lancashire L.D.C.; S.E. Lancashire L.D.C.; London L.D.C.; Lancashire D.C. of the S.N.U.; Regent Street, Baron Street, and Baillie Street Churches, Rochdale; British Magnetic Healers Association; Margaret McMillan Nursery Schools Association; Rochdale Independent Labour Party; Rochdale Trades and Labour Council; National Union of Foundry Workers; Open Door Council.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday evening, April 17th, in the Baron Street National Spiritualist Church. Mr. A. Wright, Miss E. Elliott, and Mr. Will Edwards, paid their personal tribute to the life and work of G. F. Knott.

Mr. T. Dixon, President of the Church, presided. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Holt.

EDITH ELLIOTT, A.M.

AN APPRECIATION BY WILL EDWARDS.

At the request of our President, Miss E. Elliott, I am writing an appreciation of the work of our arisen friend and Secretary of the B.S.L.U., Mr. G. F. Knott. I have known Fred for over 25 years, first as a delegate to our Annual Conference, and secondly as a co-auditor of our union. I was elected to a similar position as his Junior at the Conference held at Burnley, North Street, somewhat over 20 years ago, and we worked together until he became a member of the then Executive Council. He afterwards became the President and finally became the Union's General Secretary: a position he has held for 12 years.

Fred Knott was only a young man when first we met on the floor of Conference, and there commenced a friendship which has not only lasted for so long, but has become strengthened to that of Brothers working together for one end in the movement. As an Auditor he did his best to assist me in everything he could, by the way of explaining to me the system of book-keeping as then carried on by our old friend, Mr. Alfred Kitson, of Dewsbury.

I shall never forget our first meeting together as Joint Auditors, on Sowerby Bridge Station, where we also met a past Auditor, Mr. T. Wright, who afterwards became Treasurer of the B.S.L.U. for a few years. Fred said, "Will, we will talk over the matters of the Audit we are going to make." From that moment we became greater friends, and worked together for, and in the best interests of the Lyceum Union, to which his heart and soul, his mind and body, were given.

First the audits took place at Mr. Kitson's home, and after a year or two, we altered the methods so that alternate audits took place, first in my home, then in his home. I have happy memories of the times spent together.

Fred Knott became a member of the then Executive Council, and afterwards its very worthy President, and when Mr. Tinker resigned as Secretary, he was elected to the position of General Secretary. He has done his very best and has succeeded in carrying on the good work with a very great amount of service and success.

In his home life I have spent a great many pleasant hours both with the late Mrs. Knott, who passed away 23 years ago, and after he again took unto himself a helpmate, and truly a real helpmate in Miss M. Shepherd, who became Mrs. M. Knott. I have continued for over 20 years to be a guest, both when at audits and

stocktakings, or when speaking at the Church in Rochdale. I have seen his daughter and son grow up from childhood, and have noticed how interested he was in ever trying to do all that lay in his power for their benefit, both in an educational and fatherly sense, never forgetting the duty he owed to his wife, and to the movement also. He was ever trying to evolve in his mind some scheme by which his work would become of greater benefit to the Union he so ably served.

As clerk to the Trustees for the Ainsworth Lyceum Home of Rest Scheme, he has ever tried to simplify matters so as to make their work easier than it otherwise would have been.

Fred Knott's life seems to me to have been one lived in trying to make the lives of others as pleasant and happy as it lay within his power to do so, and even during the last few hours of his earthly existence, he was thinking of others. When I visited him on the Saturday previous to his passing into the fuller life he said, "Will, I am gliding along, and winning through." What did he mean? Well, he meant he was slowly gliding along into that life of still further greatness which would be his, and winning his spurs, which he had truly earned by the life he had lived, and by the work he had done, not only for the Lyceum movement and the Spiritualists' National Union, but for the progress of all movements in which he saw the possibility of a great degree of happiness being attained. He truly lived his life for others.

I shall miss his frail body, we all shall miss it. But we know we shall have his help from the vast beyond in all we undertake in whatever he was interested in during his earthly life.

Finally, to me he was a just, honest, truthful man, and a most worthy comrade and friend. I know that those he has left behind, his wife, his daughter, and his son, will miss him in body, and will miss those little acts he performed to give each of them the fullest pleasure he could. But he will, in his own way, from the fuller life, still be a helpmate to them. Such is the spirit of my old friend and comrade and co-worker, known to me and the whole movement as Fred Knott.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

The Annual Conference will be held at 3-0 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th, and at 10-0 a.m. on Sunday, May 15th, in the Spiritualist Church, Regent Hall, Regent Street, Rochdale.

Delegates will be met by Lyceum Guides who will wear white ribbon badges. Delegates arriving at Rochdale Station leave by the main exit and board a tram or bus to the Town Centre, Fare 1d. Then proceed along Yorkshire Street to Regent Street where the Hall is situate. Delegates arriving by bus at the Town Centre follow the directions quoted above.

The cost of meals is 6s. per delegate, two teas and one lunch.

The price of Billets for one or two nights is 6s. per delegate. Applications for Billets must be made before May 7th to Miss D. Richards, 18, Jutland Avenue, Spotland Estate, Rochdale. Delegates are requested to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply.

The Regent Hall Church and Lyceum have granted the free use of the Church for the Conference. Everyone is happy in the new experience and full of expectant hopes for a successful Conference.

MEMORIES.

O would I were a child again,
To play with hoop and swing,
To sit upon my mother's knee,
To hear her sweet voice sing—
Baby, don't cry!
Hush! Hush-a-bye!

Time rolleth on, years swiftly flee,
With wealth I find no joy;
Whilst in my heart I yearn to be
Again . . . a little boy—
Joyous and free—
In infancy.

In dreams I see the school where I
Was forced to read and write;
But I preferred a bird's-nest hunt—
Or, better still, my kite.
Spelling and me
Did not agree.

Methinks I hear that school bell ring—
They'd ring and call in vain—
My top was all the world to me—
Hark! there's that bell again—
Briskly I'd hop,
Spinning my top.

Oft to the cricket field I'd hie,
With wickets, bat and ball;
Alas! I ponder, pine, when I
Those memories sweet recall—
At night—by day—
Thoughts were of play.

Ah! how I long to gaze upon
The scenes of long ago,
But when? Oft in my heart I ask—
Then tears begin to flow—
Memories sweet,
Like dreams, they fleet.

MRS. J. NELSON.

Pay a visit to the B.S.L.U. Bookstall when attending the Conference. Support the Union by purchasing your own publications.

On sale at the Conference, NEW ORAL GRADE PRIMER, 6d. per copy, 4/9 per dozen post free.

He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter.—*Isaac Barrow.*

Our Education Department.

HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

ANOTHER PROMOTION.

For the second time in two years and eight months the Educational Movement has to mourn the physical loss of an Education Stalwart. On Monday, 11th April, our friend and colleague, Mr. George Frederick Knott, F.N.S.C., was called to spirit life, and the younger members of our Lyceums lost the earthly work of a staunch champion and well-wisher. A full and fitting tribute to Mr. Knott will be found elsewhere, but I cannot refrain from putting on record the debt under which he has placed all Lyceumists who were interested in the Education Scheme. Mr. Knott was the Secretary of the Committee which introduced the Education Scheme and held the first B.S.L.U. Examination in 1916; he became Editor of the BANNER and General Secretary of the Union in 1920, the year in which the present scheme was launched; and it was his generous allowance of space for the Education Department in our journal that made it possible to bring the new scheme, and all it meant to our Movement, before every Lyceumist in the Union. No call for assistance or for extra endeavour ever fell on deaf ears; and when Nellie Kitson left us in 1929 he took over the work of selling the Educational Handbooks and of sending out the September and February Education Circulars. He has done as much as anyone else to lay the foundation of an educational Spiritualism, and wherever educational enthusiasts meet the name of "Fred" Knott will be mentioned in gratitude and esteem.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

On Sunday, the 8th of this month, will be held the Examinations of the B.S.L.U. (Oral Grade and Grades I to V), and also the ENTRANCE EXAMINATION of the S.N.U. The latter examination will be held, as far as possible, at the same centres as the B.S.L.U. examinations; so will candidates taking the Entrance Examination please note.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

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

TO SUPERVISORS.

The parcels of all necessary papers for the holding of the examination will be posted to reach you by Saturday, 30th April. If you do not receive yours, please communicate AT ONCE with the Education Secretary.

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

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

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

ENTRIES TO DATE.

Lyceums, 88; Oral Grade, 331; Grade I, 344; II, 135; III, 65; IV, 42; V, 19; Total, 936.

Compared with last year, this total shows a falling-off of 20 Lyceums and 428 Lyceumists. Judging from reports and correspondence, I had expected an increase in the number of Lyceums and students, and I am at a loss to account for the decrease. Special reminders and appeals have been sent out to Lyceums which sat last year but have not so far sent in entries, and this may whip up the numbers to a better and healthier appearance. To vary a popular maxim, "the strength of a Movement depends on the education of its youth," and the falling-off is most serious in the lower Grades.

In the circumstances it is to be hoped that all who have entered will make a point of sitting at the examinations, as otherwise our Results Book will show a sorry record of Lyceum Education work.

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

OUR LYCEUM GUILD.

I think that the above figures illustrate the need for the revival of the Guild, with a membership pledged to educational work. Further letters have been received in support, and one reports that in one of the Lancashire districts, open propaganda against the College and the Education Scheme is being carried on. It is being said that our College Degrees are of no value, and that the College has ceased to issue them. This is a deliberate and spiteful untruth, and one of the tasks of a virile Guild would be to make such propaganda impossible by challenging the slander—and the slanderer—immediately any such statements against our National Scheme are made. So rally round, educationists, and instruct your delegates to press for the revival of the Guild, as a local and district rallying centre of education work.

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

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

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

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

THE GENERAL SECRETARY, 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.

Use plain language, but not hackneyed phrases, which should be avoided as the plague. By "plain language" we mean short, direct telling phrases, unambiguous, easily understood.

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DRAFT REPORT OF JOINT CONFERENCE OF S.N.U. AND B.S.L.U. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE, JAN. 30th, 1932.

Present:—

B.S.L.U. Miss E. Elliott, G. F. Knott, J. Shuttleworth.

S.N.U. J. B. McIndoe, A. G. Newton, E. A. Keeling, The General Secretary reporting.

1. In opening the discussion Miss Elliott expressed the disappointment of her Management Committee at the reduction of the B.S.L.U. representation on the S.N.U. Council from 2 to 1. They felt that in view of its importance to their Union some official notice of the intended change should have been sent to them. They regard the failure to do so as in the nature of a breach of faith.

Attention was drawn to the position of the two Unions prior to the changes which brought them into affiliation, and the view was expressed that representation was thrust upon the B.S.L.U.

In reply the S.N.U. representatives spoke of the reorganisation of the S.N.U. and the creation of District Council representation. In these negotiations, by agreement with their Union the B.S.L.U. were given 2 seats on the National Council. Later on came the necessity to reduce D.C. representation, but this reduction did not apply at that time to the B.S.L.U.

The direct question was asked "Was the B.S.L.U. recognised as a National Body?"

The reply was that the B.S.L.U. was recognised as a National Body, but that for purposes of representation on the S.N.U. Council they were given the status of a District Council.

The S.N.U. representatives took exception to the charges of a breach of faith. They agreed that notification should have been sent; and gave an undertaking that the omission should be acknowledged with regret. It was recognised that the discussion had revealed incidents which rankled in the minds of the B.S.L.U. Management Committee unknown to the S.N.U.

2. The B.S.L.U. representatives drew attention to the omission at the July Conference at Portsmouth,

to invite the President and Secretary of the B.S.L.U. to the evening propaganda platform. It was pointed out that there was a time when at every S.N.U.—A.G.M. Sunday evening meeting, a place was found for a B.S.L.U. speaker, and they felt keenly the gradual discontinuance of this practice.

Mr. Newton expressed regret that their President and Secretary were not invited to the platform, and he reminded them that he had taken early steps to publicly apologise in the *National Spiritualist* for that omission, and asked if the attention of their M.C. had been called to the apology.

It was further pointed out that the policy of the S.N.U. had changed in recent years with regard to the organisation of the Sunday evening propaganda meetings; and it was in pursuit of this change, and not any desire to slight the B.S.L.U. which had led to their speakers being omitted from the programme.

3. The B.S.L.U. representatives turned next to matters concerning the I.S.F. Congress. They felt strongly that in all public announcements their Union had been ignored and treated as if it were non-existent, whereas they held joint representation with the S.N.U. on the General Council of the I.S.F. and paid equal share to the affiliation fees. They felt keenly the omission of any reference to their Union particularly with respect to the Souvenir Programme of the Sunday service.

In reply it was pointed out that with the exception of the Sunday morning service which the S.N.U. had been asked to provide, and for which the Souvenir Programme was published by the S.N.U. the whole of the Congress arrangements, including reporting and general publicity was in the hands of the Congress Committee, and over which the S.N.U. had no more control than the B.S.L.U.

4. The B.S.L.U. representatives took up the matter of the deletion of the letters A.N.S.C. from names in the 1932 Diary. It was felt that this action indicated lukewarmness on the part of the S.N.U. towards the Joint Education work of the College. They sought a definite assurance that the S.N.U. were not hostile to the Educational Scheme and its work.

The S.N.U. representatives gave the most positive assurance that their Union was not hostile to the Joint Education efforts, but on the contrary gave it general support.

The reasons for the deletion were two-fold, (a) the necessity to economise space in the Diary; and for this reason the deletions covered all initial letters; including the D.N.U., (b) it was felt that in S.N.U. publications which went out broadcast, the College Degree letters should not be paraded since they tended to give the impression that the College Degrees were regarded as the equivalent to the Degrees issued by the acknowledged British Educational Colleges.

5. For the S.N.U. a vigorous protest was made against the tone of the report of the S.N.U. A.G.M. appearing in the *LYCEUM BANNER*, especially with the suggestion that "inspired questions" were put from the floor of the Conference.

No answer was given beyond repeating that this impression had been gathered by the reporters.

6. It was mutually agreed that the discussion had served its purpose and had been instrumental in clearing the ground of some misunderstandings between the two Unions, and it would be worth while to repeat at regular intervals, say once a year, such Joint conferences.

Both sides unanimously agreed to recommend to their Unions a motion to consider the feasibility of arranging a Joint conference yearly for an interchange of opinion and policy on questions affecting the interests of the two Unions.

The S.N.U. Council suggest the following amendments be made to the report:—

Par. 6, line 2, to insert before the word "notification" the words, "instead of the indirect a direct."

Par. 8, line 2, to insert between the words "not invited" the word "specifically."

Par. II, to add "it was pointed out that the S.N.U. felt no grievance by the publication of the B.S.L.U. Souvenir Programme of the Lyceum Demonstration held in the Battersea Town Hall on the occasion of the I.S.F. Congress of 1928."

Last par. line 2, to substitute for the word "yearly" the words "as time and circumstances permit."

Our Very Young Lyceumists.

Almost every Lyceum numbers some very young children amongst its members. At seven years of age the average child can read more fluently than many adults realise, and can be reasonably expected to take some part in the session. It is the "under-sevens" that provide the problem for conductors. Until a child can read, the work of the usual session is beyond it. It is not interested, it feels "left out," and can only become restless and want to play. How can we fill the child's needs, and ensure that every child in attendance is an interested Lyceumist?

The answer depends largely upon the accommodation available, and the supply of group leaders. The Orthodox Sunday Schools have solved the problem by providing separate Primary and Senior departments, with a distinct curriculum for each department. As yet our numbers do not permit of our successfully following their example. Our best solution seems to lie in catering for the little ones in a special group. To do this when the whole Lyceum is at group work is fairly easy, but their especial group is most needed when the older Lyceumists are engaged on routine work.

Given a capable group leader, who is willing to forego the interest of session discussions, the problem can be solved. If possible, turn a small room—providing it can be safely and adequately heated—into the Junior Group Room. If there isn't a spare room, give the children a corner of the main hall. A table and seats are the only furniture required, though children's pictures add to its appeal.

Let the little ones assemble with their seniors for both the opening and closing exercises of the session. In this way they realise the relationship between their one group and the session. For the remainder of the time, give them their own session in their own room. Even when a child is interested it cannot concentrate for long, and so the session must be as varied as possible. Start off with a chat about the children's own interests and activities—their toys, pets, families, and the things they have seen. Teach a verse, or a short song (Carey Bonner's "Child Songs" provide some delightful

material). Follow the singing with a short story. The doings of birds and animals, accounts of other children, and little everyday happenings familiar to children, can be woven into excellent stories. The leader has attained much, if, by her stories, she has awakened a kindly interest in the simple things of life.

If the music used for the seniors' marching and callisthenics can be heard in their room, let the children use it for their own exercises. Just learning to "follow the leader," both in marching and simple exercises, is a help for when the children join the Lyceum proper. Amongst our own callisthenics exercises some stretching and balancing movements can be profitably included. But, do not overtire the children. Ten minutes is ample time for physical movements.

Follow the physical exercises with some handwork, and so utilise creatively the child's instinct for play. A variety of simple materials can be obtained at very small cost. Pegs and scraps of materials will make dolls. Thin cardboard, paper, and wallpaper can be torn, folded, or cut into simple toys or furniture. Beans, peas, and match-sticks—dyed to attractive colours, and cardboard shapes, can be used for a variety of patterns. Plasticine modelling, and drawing on brown paper, may be included. For the drawing, crayons are cleaner and more durable than pastels or chalks. Small sand trays filled with dry clean sand can be used for finger drawings. All of these provide children with a means of self-expression—and that same "self-expression" can be a valuable aid to the study of children. Let them make the things suggested by the story, song, or chat, and show that often better things can be made when children help each other than when they work alone.

Include some picture books in the children's outfit. These can be home-made by pasting pictures into small brown paper books, with about 12 pages to each book. Modern advertisements provide a wealth of pictures which appeal to children.

Occasionally, "for a treat," allow the little ones to join in an open session—and there give them the chance to show what they have made, and to sing their own little songs. Make them proud of their own group.

The time given to our little ones is precious time. In the friendly atmosphere of their own group the children can realise the spirit of comradeship, and develop a feeling of confidence in the leaders, and so secure a good foundation for the later training as Lyceumists.

MARGARET E. LAWTON.

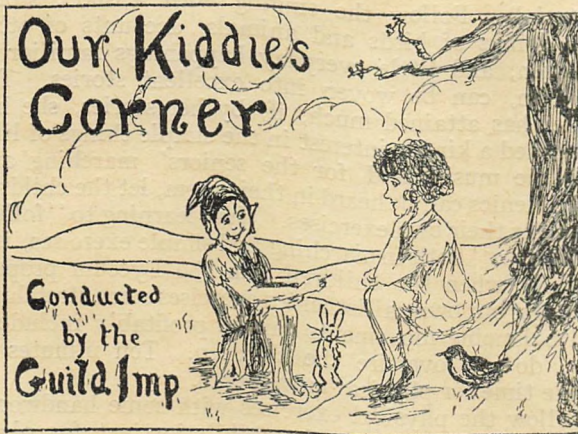
From the New Oral Grade Primer.

A PRAYER.

The sun has set and night has come,
And now, before I go to rest,
I thank Thee for my happy home
With parents' love so richly blest.

I pray that Angels, round my bed,
Will keep their watch throughout the night,
Till shades of darkness all have fled
Before the morning's gladdening light.

Amen.



Dear Little Imps,

May-time is so full of glad surprises that it should be a very happy month. So many "first things" happen, and every day brings something fresh to see and hear and do. "Summer-time" gives us long, light, evenings, so that the birds go on singing until almost *our* bedtime. Of course, the birds don't understand that we think it is an hour later than they do. All they care about is that sunshine means singing time to them. To us, these light evenings mean the chance of going out to find the first May-blossom, and May flowers, Bluebells, and Horse-Chestnut blossom, as well as a host of other pretty blossoms. It is just the time to find out how lovely the world is to be this year, as it has been every other year. May-time always makes me remember this verse. Do you know it too?

"Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world,
With the wonderful water about you curled;
And the wonderful grass upon your breast—
World, you are beautifully drest."

Yes! the world is beautifully dressed! It makes one wonder about

THE FAIRY DRESSMAKERS.

Only the fairies with the nimblest fingers can be the dressmakers of the world. Such dainty work is needed to fashion the leaves and petals for the plants. Dame Nature cannot bear to have a badly shaped flower, or a leaf that was carelessly folded when it was tucked into its bud. That is why the dressmaking department of Fairyland is such a very special place.

Away in the Sunbeam Realm, the work is done. Fairy spinners and weavers make the material in which the world shall be dressed. Made of fairy thoughts, and sunbeam happiness, it is finer than the finest silk, and smoother than the richest velvet. No human workers could ever make the loveliness that is petal stuff. The leaf material is just a little bit crinkly, but no leaf would ever wish to be made of petal silk, and no petal would ever wish to change places with a leaf. Each thinks they are made of the finest stuff that could be, and each one knows very well that theirs is just the right dress for them.

The leaves always have been green, at least, ever since the first leaf met the first sunbeam. But the flowers used to be all the same colour—just plain white. That was when the fairy dressmakers were too proud to ask anyone else to help. In Fairyland it is quite impossible to be so very independent. Fairies simply have to help each other, and that is just what the dressmakers had to learn.

For the first few years that the world had flowers, white ones were all very well. People liked their shape, and liked their scent, but just seeing green and white all over the world grew rather monotonous. Somehow, the birds grew tired of singing to white flowers all the time, and people began to pass by the flowers without noticing them at all. The fairies grew rather sad about it, but the worst was yet to come. The butterflies and bees, and even the little flies, began to grow careless in their work. Most insects like to keep to just one kind of flower. The bee that likes Violet honey doesn't care much for the honey kept in the Buttercups. A bee would get a load of Dandelion pollen, and waste it all on a Cornflower, so that the seeds did not grow. The insects buzzed angrily, the birds stopped singing, and the flowers themselves drooped. What could be done?

Fairy dressmakers thought and thought, but they could not find what to do to restore happiness to Plantland. Even the sun hid behind the clouds for a time. Just when everybody felt quite hopeless, out came the rainbow. A clever little elf looked up at that rainbow, and stared at its lovely colours for a moment. The rainbow was not white. Why couldn't the flowers be like the rainbow? Quick as a thought, that elf went off to Sunbeam Realm, and rushed amongst the fairy dressmakers. He jumped about amongst the fairies, too excited to stand still, as he cried out "I know what to do! I know what to do! I've such a splendid idea!" "Oh! do tell us," begged the sad fairies. "We have thought until our brains are tired!" "Then stop thinking, and follow me," said the elf and, followed by the dressmakers, he hurried towards the rainbow, and pointed to its colours. "Look at the rainbow, fairies," he called, "and then give those rainbow colours to your flowers."

There was a delighted murmur from the fairies as they repeated "Give rainbow colours to your flowers," and eagerly they asked each other "Can we do it? Who can give us the rainbow colours? Who could paint our white petal silk for us?"

Again, it was the elf who came to their rescue. He really was a clever elf, and he was so anxious to help the fairies. "You can never do it by yourselves," he said. "Spinners can spin, weavers can weave, whilst dressmakers can cut, and sew, but you can't gather rainbow colours yourselves, and you can't paint at all well. You must ask the others to help you." The dressmakers didn't quite like that part of the idea. "We always have done our work by ourselves," they pouted. "I know!" replied the elf. "You have tried very hard, but see what a muddle the world is in. You must have help. Shall I go to ask other fairies to help you?" Just a little bit reluctant still, the fairies agreed, and away sped the elf.

A little later the elf returned with two troupes of fairies. The first troupe called themselves the Rainbow Fairies, and, dressed in the rainbow colours, each carried a magic pot, containing the colour of their dresses. Violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, were the colours brought by the Rainbow Fairies. Behind them came the Fairy Artists, each carrying his wonderful brushes.

Day after day saw wonderful things happening amongst the flowers. The colours from the rainbow were never quite used up. There was always some left in case any more baby flowers wanted colouring. The

Artists were so clever that very soon they did more than just colour whole petals. They thought out the little signposts on the flowers that show the bees where the honey is kept. Only the cleverest artists could do that. Some of the artists wanted every flower colouring, but white flowers are really very dainty, and so just a few white ones were left. Even with those, however, the fairies brightened up the stamens, or put in some little honey signposts.

What happiness the colouring of the flowers brought into the world! The insects very soon decided on their own flowers, and now they never spoil a day's work by mixing up the pollen, or tasting honey which they don't like. The birds sang sweeter than ever, and ever so many people felt so happy that they wrote songs about the flowers, whilst sick people felt better as soon as they saw the coloured flowers.

In Fairyland, one clever little elf grew as happy as a king, whilst in the Sunbeam Realm the dressmaking department became full of busy, happy fairies. There is one very big difference. When all the flowers were white, every petal had to be made by *three* fairies; a spinner, a weaver, and a dressmaker. *Now*, it needs *five* fairies, for when the dressmaker has finished her work, the rainbow and the artist fairies have to start theirs. Of course, they all work together very happily, for they know that a single cross word could spoil a flower, and that would be too terrible to happen in Fairyland.

My love to all Imps,
MEG.

Mrs. Knott and family wish to offer their very grateful thanks to all who have sent letters of condolence in their bereavement.

The President appreciates the expressions of sympathy that have been received in the physical loss of the General Secretary. It is impossible to reply personally to each letter. Will everyone who has written accept this intimation of thanks.

NOTE TO SECRETARIES.

All cheques, money orders, and postal orders should be made payable to the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, and crossed.

The Editor regrets that the various reports have been crowded out. This is due to Conference reports occupying a large amount of space.

In any re-organisation scheme there must be the spirit of "give and take."

My heart leaps up when I behold

A rainbow in the sky.

So was it when my life began,

So is it now I am a man,

So be it when I shall grow old,

Or let me die!

The Child is father of the Man:

And I could wish my days to be

Bound each to each by natural piety.

W. Wordsworth.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS COMMITTEE.

The above Committee met at Rochdale, on July 18th, 1931, "to investigate the advisability of an increase in the scope of the Education Scheme by the inclusion of a series of Psychological Intelligence Tests."

Present: Misses E. Elliott, G. M. Halliday and M. E. Lawton and Messrs. A. T. Connor, G. F. Knott and R. W. Marks. Miss Elliott was appointed Chairman and Miss Halliday Secretary.

Mr. Marks opened the discussion by outlining his plan for Psychological Tests. He suggested that these tests should be given to Lyceumists who, having passed certain Grades of the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme, were waiting, on account of their age, to take the next Grade; for example, children of 10 or 11 years of age waiting to take Grade I at the age of 12. It was pointed out that no child having passed Grade I at the age of 12 had to wait for the examination, unless he or she had failed to obtain a sufficiently high standard in the examination. The test which Mr. Marks suggested should be used is the only one with which he is familiar, and is to be found in Professor Terman's Revision of the Binet-Simon Scale, and is oral and individual in character. These tests are graded according to physical age, and demand a reasonably intelligent person to set them, who has already studied Professor Terman's Hints to Examiners given in his book.

Mr. Marks then suggested that if any of the children tested showed by the results that they possessed intelligence above the average, or, in the term of the psychologist, had a high intelligence quotient, then they should receive special training, fitted to their degree of intelligence, in their own Lyceum or District. Thus a certain number of students, providing they had intelligence, would be picked out, receive special facilities and training, and so develop and be fitted to become brilliant speakers.

The Committee were of the idea, however, that the aim of our Education Scheme is *not* to test the "inborn capacity" of Lyceumists as shown by Intelligence Tests, but rather to place before them the facts of Spiritualism in such a way that their reasoning faculties are called into play, thus combining knowledge with reason. The Committee also thought that no harm was done to Lyceumists (under age) who had to wait to take the next Grade, as it was generally felt that such children had not sufficient experience of life necessary to deal competently with abstract things, as is called for in the later Grades.

It was finally agreed that the Committee, through Mr. Marks, should bring his idea before the Manchester and District L.D.C., in order to obtain permission to experiment in that District with Terman's Intelligence Tests.

(Signed) E. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

G. M. HALLIDAY, Secretary.

BARROW, Dalkeith Street.—At our Open Session on April 17th a very pleasing ceremony was performed by our Conductor, Miss M. E. Lawton, who named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and grand-daughter of Mr. A. Fullard, our Church President. The baby was given the earthly name "Lily Isabel," spirit name "Hope." Our Secretary presented the baby with a Lyceum Badge. She is the fifth generation to enter the ranks of Spiritualism. There were 14 members of the family present to witness the ceremony, 12 being Lyceumists. Is this a record?—A. Taft, Sec.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The above Union will hold its

43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At 3-0 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th, and 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 15th, 1932, in the
Spiritualist Church, Regent Street, Rochdale.

President: EDITH ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C., of Moston.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES.—The Billet Secretary is Miss D. Richards, 18, Jutland Avenue, Spotland Estate, Rochdale, Lancs. The Billet Charge is 6s. per Delegate. The charge for meals during the Conference is 6s. Delegates leave the Station by the main exit and board a tram or bus to the Town Centre, Fare 1d. Then proceed along Yorkshire Street, to Regent Street, where the Hall is situate.

AGENDA.

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. APPOINTMENTS: (a) Messenger; (b) Tellers; (c) Scrutineers; (d) Member of Standing Orders Committee.
3. MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE.
4. CORRESPONDENCE.
5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Nil.
7. NOTICE OF MOTION FROM N.E. LANCASHIRE L.D.C. as per 1931 Conference.
"That before any revision of the Constitution takes place, we move that a Committee of inquiry be set up from the floor of the Conference, to inquire into the whole of the activities of the B.S.L.U., its needs, and its scope. Any information required by this Committee shall be furnished them by the Officers and the M.C. The Committee shall prepare a report for presentation to the next Conference, to guide and assist in the setting up of a Constitution to meet the needs of the times, and the requirements of the B.S.L.U."
8. REPORTS: (a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer; (c) Auditors; (d) £2,000 Effort; (e) Trustees; (f) Education; (g) Banner; (h) College; (i) Manual Revision; (j) U.D.C.; (k) Ainsworth Home of Rest; (l) Overseas; (m) International (n) S.N.U. Conference and E.C.
9. ELECTIONS:—
(a) Elect Officers; (i) President; (ii) Vice-President; (iii) Treasurer; (iv) Secretary.
(b) Declaration of the result of the Election of the Area Representatives.
10. ELECT S.N.U. E.C. REPRESENTATIVES.
11. ELECT AUDITOR.
12. ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER CONFERENCES.
13. PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT B.S.L.U. CONFERENCE.
14. MOTIONS.

(a) TO AMEND CONSTITUTION.

From Bradford Lyceum District Council.

1. *Article III., p. 3.* Clause A after the word "Conference" add "on the Rotary principle in D.C. areas."

From North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

2. *Article IV., p. 3.* Delete the whole to and including the word "Bye-Laws" on line 4. Substitute "The officers of the Union shall be President, Chairman, and Treasurer, who shall, together with four persons, who shall be elected by and at the Conference, form the Executive."

From Liverpool Lyceum District Council and Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

3. *Article IV., p. 3.* That "Vice-President" be deleted.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

4. *Article IV., p. 3.* That "Chairman" be inserted after "President" on line 1.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and Tyneside Lyceum District Council.

5. *Article IV., p. 3.* That "Secretary" be deleted.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

6. *Article IV., p. 3.* That all words after "of" on line 3 to and including the words "Bye-Laws" on line 4 be deleted and inserted "of four members who shall be elected by and at the Annual Conference."

Sheffield Lyceum District Council and Bradford Lyceum District Council.

7. *Article IV., p. 3.* Delete from the words "consisting of" on line 3 to "Bye-Laws" on line 4, and substitute "one Executive Councillor from each District Council."

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

8. *Article IV., p. 3.* Delete the words "Representatives from electoral areas" and substitute the words "six persons."

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

9. *Article V., p. 3.* Delete "7" and substitute "15".

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, Tyneside Lyceum District Council, and Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

10. *Article V., p. 3.* New Par. "All Lyceums in membership with the B.S.L.U. shall become automatically members of the District Council in whose area they are situate."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

11. *Article VI., p. 4.* That Clause (E) be amended to read "Chairman" or "Secretary" elected by Conference.

Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

12. *Article VI., p. 4.* Delete "Chairman of Committees" elected by Conference.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

13. *Article VI., p. 4.* That Clause (F) be amended to read "Two Representatives of the Trustees of the Union."

South East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

14. *Article VI., p. 4.* Delete the word "Affiliated."

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

15. *Article VI., p. 4.* Delete the words "United Districts' Council," clause (c)

Management Committee, Liverpool Lyceum District Council, and North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

16. *Article VI., p. 4.* That the words "No vote shall be given by proxy" be inserted after "business" on last line.

Management Committee, North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

17. *Article VI., p. 4.* That a new para. be added as follows: "Notwithstanding the foregoing the Management Committee may grant fraternal credentials to representatives of bodies whose aims and objects are in sympathy with those of the Union."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council, and North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

18. *Article VII., p. 4., para. 2.* That all words after "register" on line 2 be deleted.

Tyneside Lyceum District Council.

19. *Article VII., p. 4., para. 2.* Delete "3" and insert "2"

Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

20. *Article VII., p. 4.* Insert new paragraph. "Two fraternal delegates from the S.N.U., who shall not be entitled to vote."

South East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

21. *Article VII., p. 4.* Delete the word "affiliated."

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

22. *Article VII., p. 5.* Delete the last paragraph.

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

23. *Article VIII., p. 5.* Remove No. 5. to No. 3. No. 3. becoming No. 4, and No. 4. No. 5.

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

24. *Article VIII., p. 5.* Delete Section E.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

25. *Article VIII., p. 5.* That "And Executive Members" be added to Clause 8.

26. *Article IX., p. 6.* That the last paragraph be deleted and the following be inserted:—"The General Secretary shall advise all nominees of their nomination and of the office for which they are nominated not later than the 30th of March. Nominees who do not write to the General Secretary by April 7th accepting nomination and stating their eligibility according to Article 10 shall be deemed unwilling to accept nomination, and their nomination shall be void."

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

27. *Article X., p. 6.* Para. 1 line 1. Delete to, but not including the word "all." "All to commence with a capital "A."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

28. *Article X., p. 6.* That the first paragraph be deleted and the following be inserted. The President and Treasurer shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election if nominated in accordance with Article IX. The Chairman shall serve for a period of five years unless removed by a simple majority vote of an Annual Conference or his (her) resignation has been tendered or accepted. He shall be eligible for re-election if nominated in accordance with Article IX. The Members of the Executive Council shall serve for a period of two years, but shall be eligible for re-election if nominated in accordance with Article IX. (At the first election under this Article the two members receiving the lower number of votes shall serve for one year only.)

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

29. *Article X., p. 6.* New Paragraph. "The General Secretary shall be elected for a period of five years, but such period shall not commence or terminate within two years from the beginning or end of a Constitutional period."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

30. *Article X., p. 6. Clause A.* That the words "Within their own area" be deleted.

Bradford Lyceum District Council.

31. *Article X., p. 6.* Delete Sections B and C. Section B to read "Make 20 attendances at one Lyceum unless prevented by official services to the Union or District Council."

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

32. *Article X., p. 6.* The last paragraph be deleted.

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

33. *Article X., p. 6.* Delete the words "During the three years previous to the Annual Conference."

Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

34. *Article X., p. 6.* Last para. Delete the words "During the three years previous" and substitute "The five years previous."

South East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

35. *Article XI., p. 7.* Delete District Councils and United Districts' Council.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

36. *Article XI., p. 7.* Clause D. That the words "methods" be deleted and "sources" inserted.

London Lyceum District Council.

37. *Article XI., p. 7.* Transfer the whole of Bye-Law 5, clauses 1 to 7 to Article XI of Constitution.

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

38. *Article XV., p. 7.* From "Lyceums" on line to "parts" on line 7 delete, and substitute the following "Lyceums in membership with the B.S.L.U. shall be grouped into District Councils. When such Councils are so formed they shall become recognised subsidiary parts" and continue to end of paragraph.

South East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

39. *Article XV., p. 7.* Delete the whole to the word "subjects" on line 8, and substitute the following: "Lyceums in good financial standing with the Union shall be assigned by the Management Committee to a District Council wherever possible and in cases of protest in which the decision of the Management Committee is not accepted have the right of appeal to the B.S.L.U. Conference whose decisions shall be final. The District Councils and United Districts' Council shall be recognised as subordinate parts of the Union and subject to" &c.

Bradford Lyceum District Council.

40. *Article XV., p. 7.* New Paragraph. "That Boundary lines shall be drawn up and all Lyceums in that area shall become members of the District Council belonging to that Area."

Management Committee.

41. *Article XVI., p. 8.* Article XVI to become Article XVII.

Management Committee.

42. *New Article XVI.* Any matters arising and not provided for in this Constitution and Bye-Laws shall be dealt with by the Management Committee as such matters arise.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

43. *Article XVI., p. 8.* That "oftener" in line 2 be deleted and "more often" be inserted.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

44. *Article XVI., p. 8.* That "two-thirds" on lines 2—3 be deleted.

SUB-SECTION C.**Management Committee.**

1. *Article 1., line 2.* Delete the words "Children's Progressive" and substitute "Spiritualists"

London Lyceum District Council.

2. *Article 4., p. 19.* Add new Paragraph "To be eligible for office a Lyceumist must make 20 attendances during the year and in addition, to be eligible for the office of Treasurer, must be 21 years of age or over."

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

3. *Article 5., p. 20.* Delete "12" on line 9, and substitute "16."

Tyneside Lyceum District Council, Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council and Longsight Lyceum.

4. *Article 5 p. 20.* Delete "12" on line 9 and substitute "14."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

5. *Article 5 p. 20.* From the word "subject" on line 7 to the words "S.N.U. Ltd," delete and substitute: "Subject to the rules of the parent body, all officers shall be elected by a majority of members present over 12 years of age. In case of a contest a ballot may be demanded."

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council

6. *Article 5., p. 20.* Add new paragraph. "On all matters of finance only members who are over 21 years of age shall be allowed to vote."

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

7. *Article 11., p. 22.* Delete the whole and substitute "Two auditors shall be elected annually from the members of the Lyceum. They shall not be members of the Lyceum Executive. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by the Lyceum Executive until the next A.G.M."

North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

8. *Article 12., p. 22.* That the words "two thirds" on lines two and three be deleted.

(b) TO AMEND THE BYE-LAWS.**Liverpool Lyceum District Council.**

1. *Bye-Law 1, Section 6, p. 23.* "That no vote be given by proxy" be added to first paragraph.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

2. *Bye-Law 1, Section 6.* Delete "Presiding Officer" on line 1 and substitute "Chairman."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

3. *Bye-Law 1, Section 6.* On line 2 after "a" insert "second or."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

4. *Bye-Law 1, Section 6.* Delete "All" and substitute "The". After "Officers", insert "E.C."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

5. *Bye-Law 2, Section 1, pp. 24.* Delete the whole of Section 1 and substitute the following: "The President shall preside at all propaganda meetings and public functions of the Union, shall countersign all certificates of membership, confer at least once per year with the Chairman and General Secretary of the Union. He shall prepare an address for the presentation to the Annual Conference, setting forth the work accomplished and the work mediated. In the absence of the Chairman, he shall preside over the business meetings of the Union."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

6. *Section 2.* Delete this paragraph and substitute "Chairman". "The Chairman shall preside at all business meetings of the Management Committee and Union; shall endorse all accounts passed for payment and sign all cheques drawn by the Union and have the general supervision of the business of the Union. He (she) shall be entitled to reasonable recompense for any expense incurred in attending to the affairs of the Union."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

7. *Section 3.* (Treasurer). On line 4 delete "President," substitute "Chairman."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

8. *Section 4.* (Secretary). On line 4 delete the word "officially." On line 9 delete "President," substitute "Chairman."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

9. *Section 5.* Para. 2. Delete the whole.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

10. *Bye-Law 4 (Membership), Section 1, pp. 26-27-28.* That the words "Or electoral representative" be deleted.
11. That paragraph 2 be deleted.

South-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

12. *Section 4.* Delete "In membership" on line 2.
13. *Section 5.* Delete last sentence on page 28.

Sheffield Lyceum District Council.

14. *Bye-Law 5, p. 28.* Delete Section 5 and 6 only.

London Lyceum District Council.

15. *Bye-Law 5.* Delete Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and transpose to Article XI. of Constitution.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

16. *Bye-Law 5.* Delete Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and substitute:
Section 1. "Lyceums in membership or applying for membership shall pay sixpence for each name entered on their register. In the event of an application being declined the amount paid shall be returned less any difference for goods supplied at membership prices."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

17. *Section 2.* "Subscriptions shall be due on the first of January each year and shall be based on an Annual return made to the General Secretary on a form provided for the purpose. Such return shall state the number of names entered on the Lyceum register for the preceding year."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

18. *Section 3.* "Lyceums whose subscriptions are not paid by March 1st shall cease to be entitled to any of the benefits and privileges accruing from membership until such subscriptions are paid."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

19. *Section 4.* "The Union shall remit to each District Council one penny for every Lyceumist within their District for whom the capitation fee has been received."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

20. *Section 5.* "The U.D.C. shall receive from the General Secretary $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per head for all names so returned for the whole of the B.S.L.U."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

21. Section 7 to be Section 5.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

22. Section 7 to be Section 6.

South-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

23. *Section 2.* "Members' subscriptions shall be based on the Annual Statistical returns made to the General Secretary and shall be 4d. for each name upon the register for Lyceums situate in the British Isles and a membership fee of 10s. for Overseas Lyceums. They shall be due on the 1st of January each year."

South-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

24. *Section 4.* "District Councils shall receive from the fee sent to the Secretary 2s. 6d. for each Lyceum assigned to the District Council."

South-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

25. *Section 5.* The United Districts' Council shall receive a portion of the fees not to exceed £15 per annum.

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

26. *Section 1 and 2.* Add new sentence "Only those members who have made not less than 10 attendances during the year shall be counted in the names returned."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

27. *Bye-Law 8, Section 2, p. 29.* Delete the word "and," substitute "or."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

28. *Bye-Law 9, pp. 29.* Delete paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 to "billets," on line 7. Substitute "The inviting Lyceum or District Council shall, not later than March 23rd, furnish the General Secretary with a list of hotels and all other accommodation suitable for the delegates, together with the charges thereof. This list shall be published in the 'Lyceum Banner' for April and sent to all affiliated Lyceums. Delegates to the Conference shall make arrangements for their requirements and defray the cost of same. Meal tickets (if any) shall be an additional charge."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, Liverpool Lyceum District Council, and Sheffield Lyceum District Council.

29. *Bye-Law 10, p. 29.* Delete the whole of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council, and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

30. *Bye-Law 10, Section 1.* Delete.
 31. *Bye-Law 10, Section 2.* Delete the last sentence commencing at the words "The General Secretary."
 32. *Bye-Law 10, Sections 3, 4, 5.* Delete.
 33. *Section 6.* After the word "Officers" add "Executive Council."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

34. *Section 6.* After the word "officer" insert "M.C. Members."

Liverpool Lyceum District Council and North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

35. *Bye-Law 14, p. 34.* That the words "two-thirds," in lines 2 and 3, be deleted.

(c) GENERAL MOTIONS.

From the Management Committee.

"That we recommend to the B.S.L.U. Conference that we withdraw our affiliation with the I.S.F. through the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Joint Method of Affiliation."

From the Trustees.

"That the General Secretary be re-engaged on the same terms and conditions for a period of two years."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council and Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

"That the General Secretary's salary be reduced £52 per annum."

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

"That the General Secretary be re-engaged for a further two years so that the termination of the agreement shall not coincide with the ending of a constitutional period."

North-East Cheshire Lyceum District Council.

Education Scheme. Suggested alterations of examination ages.

Junior Oral Grade	12 years and over.
Senior Oral Grade	13 " " "
Grade I.	14 " " "
Grade II.	15 " " "
Grade III.	16 " " "
Grade IV.	17 " " "
Grade V.	18 " " "

From Runcorn Lyceum.

"That an inventory be taken of all properties, articles, documents, books and the like which have been (or may be) given, or bequeathed to the B.S.L.U., to be kept in the archives of that Union and that it be an instruction to the Auditors of that Union to compare the aforesaid goods with the inventory each year and report thereon to the Annual Conference following such stocktaking."

- 15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.
- 16. VOTES OF THANKS.
- 17. CLOSING EXERCISES.

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.

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

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists All,

I have pleasure in acknowledging contributions: Sowerby Bridge, Hollins Lane, Per Mr. W. Rowson; Founder's Day Collection 10s.; Hull Progressive, per Mr. A. Buckton, Founder's Day Collection, 10s.; Moston, Manchester, per Miss Elliott, Founder's Day Collection, 10s.; Donation, Mrs. Lunn, Nottingham, 2s. 6d. Total £1 12s. 6d.

Thanking all concerned,

Yours sincerely,

118, Cremorne St.,
Nottingham.

V. G. REYNOLDS,
Hon. 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.

BIRTH.

BLAND, Dewsbury.—On April 9th, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bland, 10, Warwick Cottages, Warwick Road, Batley, the gift of a daughter (Margaret).

IN MEMORIAM.

RHODES.—In ever-loving memory of our Dear Son, Frank, who passed to the Higher Life May 23rd, 1931. Ever remembered by Father, Mother and Aunty.

PUBLISHING FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1930		293	8	8	By Sales of Manuals, etc.	505	5	0	
„ Office Furniture and Fittings		40	11	4	„ Stock of Publications, December 31st, 1931	451	15	9	
„ Printing and Binding Manuals, etc...		281	0	0	„ Office Furniture and Fittings	36	10	2	
„ Transfer of Books from Education Department.		27	17	9	„ Outstanding Accounts	16	11	7	
„ Printing and Binding of Songsters		13	5	0	„ Deficit Balance to Accumulative Fund	50	9	6	
„ Printing of Hymn Sheets		11	0	0					
„ Printing of Sundries		2	18	9					
„ Badges		42	18	0					
„ Prize Labels		1	14	2					
„ Bristol Tune Books		4	13	0					
„ Postages and Stationery		26	3	3					
„ Fire Insurance		2	15	0					
„ Labels, Packing, etc.		2	6	11					
„ Advt. Lyceum Banner		10	0	0					
„ Audit and Stocktaking		7	14	3					
„ Sundries		1	6						
„ Bank Charges		1	14	4					
„ Proportion of Salaries ($\frac{3}{4}$)	246	6	4						
„ Proportion of Rent, etc. ($\frac{3}{4}$)	44	3	9						
		290	10	1					
		£1060	12	0		£1060	12	0	

ACCUMULATIVE FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Deficit, Lyceum Banner Account		72	17	1	By Balance, December 31st, 1930	472	18	3	
„ Deficit, Publishing Fund Account		50	9	6	„ Balance, General Fund Account	65	9	7	
„ Balance, Accumulative Fund		415	1	3					
		£538	7	10		£538	7	10	

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Balance		16	2	0	By Balance, December 31st, 1930	15	15	0	
		£16	2	0	„ Certificates Issued	7	0		
						£16	2	0	

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

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, S.B.U.D.C. Mortgages	450	0	0		By Balance, December 31st, 1930	672	2	11	
Manchester Corp. Mortgage	200	0	0		„ Interest—Mortgages	24	5	9	
		650	0	0	Bank	4	6		
Bank		57	2	9	„ Repayment of Income Tax	24	10	3	
		£707	2	9		10	9	7	
						£707	2	9	

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

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Postages, etc.				4	10	By Balance, December 31st, 1930	35	14	7
„ Balance—						„ Donations, etc.	14	8	3
Bank	50	14	10			„ Bank Interest	1	0	2
Cash in Treasurer's hands		3	4						
		50	18	2					
		£51	3	0		£51	3	0	

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR HOME FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	
To Balance, S.B.U.D.C.	100	0	0		By Balance, December 31st, 1930	190	4	7		
Manchester Corp.	50	0	0		„ Interest, Mortgages	5	8	1		
		150	0	0	„ Interest, Bank	5	8			
Bank		48	0	11	„ Income Tax returned			5	13	9
		£198	0	11				2	2	7
						£198	0	11		

have benefited thereby. During the year there have been six donations to this fund, which include a street collection in the Midlands, the proceeds of two seances at Barrow by Messrs. Fullard and Brown, the sale of tinfoil, the remainder being personal donations.

The progress of the £2,000 Effort continues to be disappointing. We had contemplated this worthy project would have been realised before this time. A further £50 is waiting to be transferred to the Trustees.

The Education Department continues to be a success, financially and otherwise. The number of students entered is highly satisfactory. The M.C. have accorded their appreciation to the Education Committee and we urge all Grade V. Students to continue their studies for the degrees offered in the advanced course.

The Manual Revision Committee is still pursuing its labours, meeting once per year for this purpose.

We continue to support the S.N.U. in its general policy and offer every encouragement to Lyceums to this end. Our representation on the E.C. has been reduced to one member, not on the grounds of economy, but merely to bring us into line with their District Council representation. The S.N.U. still continues to regard the B.S.L.U. as a national organisation. The M.C. recommend our withdrawal from the I.S.F. under the present joint affiliation with the S.N.U. The M.C. further recommend affiliation to the I.S.F. in the form of an associate member. We are of the opinion that the costs of the present style of affiliation are not commensurate with the benefits received.

The appeal for the 'Penny per week' Fund has met with a very poor response. It was hoped that this Fund would have been the means of stabilising the finances of the Union.

The financial position of the Union continues to be critical. Much valuable propaganda work, publishing, and re-organisation could be undertaken if this were removed.

Lyceums and District Councils show signs of lack of interest, and we are of the opinion that the presence of the M.C. in their districts would create interest and enthusiasm.

The question of centralisation of the Union's activities has again been discussed and the M.C. are of the opinion that the question should be broached in an open manner.

It is regrettable that the very serious illness of the General Secretary, Mr. G. F. Knott, culminated in his transition on April 11th. His passing will be an irreparable loss to the movement. We pay tribute to the very valuable work he has rendered to the Union during the 12 years he has held the position of General Secretary. During the General Secretary's absence the office control has been maintained by the President, ably assisted by the Clerk, who has rendered valuable service.

In conclusion, we appeal to the Lyceum Officers and District Council delegates to arouse interest in, and further adherence to our principles, yet continuing to retain our present membership.

With these ideas in view we recommend the facilities for greater social activities, such as outdoor sports, rambles, which would give opportunities for lessons in botany, keeping in mind the educational side of our movement and the great influence it will have upon aspirants to platform work. There are other induce-

ments which will attract young studious people to our ranks and we implore you to assist in every way possible.

£2,000 EFFORT SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE REPORT.

The following items show my income and expenses during 1931. The interim report will be given at the Conference. I take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has, in any way, helped with the progress of this fund.

Statement of Account, 1931.

<i>Income.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	10 1½	To Postages	4 9½
„ Founder's Day Collections	4 14 6	„ Payment to Treasurer	14 10 2
„ Donations: Individuals	2 16 10	„ Balance Farthings, (paid to Treasurer)	3 5
Lyceums &c.	2 16 9		
„ Peace Sunday Collection	1 10 8		
„ Musical Recital Sales	2 9 6		
	£14 18 4½		£14 18 4½

The Total amount raised during 1931 is £14 13s. 7d. against a total of £35 14s. 7d. during 1930.

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS.
Hon. Sec.

B.S.L.U. TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees regret the passing of our General Secretary, and we desire to place on record our appreciation of the service he has rendered to the Movement in general, and in particular as Secretary to the Trustees and as Clerk to the Ainsworth Charity.

The mortgages of £150 of the Home Fund and of £150 and £300 of the £2,000 Effort, invested with the Sowerby Bridge Urban District Council become due for repayment this year. The Trustees have decided to reinvest these funds with this Council, subject to a six months notice. Failing this to be reinvested on a one year or three years agreement.

The Management Committee have been reimbursed for all payments made under the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme. The Ainsworth Home of Rest is advertised once per year in a weekly newspaper, also in the LYCEUM BANNER.

The Trustees have made a grant from the Ainsworth Charity funds to the funds of the Union, for the services of G. F. Knott, as Clerk to the Charity.

The Trustees accounts have been separated in the statement of accounts and we hold the funds there enumerated.

The President of the Lyceum Union, Miss E. Elliott, and Mrs. Mills, the Secretary's assistant, merit the special thanks of the whole movement for the services they have rendered during this period of stress. They have rendered yeoman service, and have given ungrudgingly of their leisure, in order that the work of the movement should not get into arrears.

Your Trustees recommend that the final selection of a General Secretary be left to the Management Committee and the Trustees after applications have been received.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Chairman.
J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec., pro. tem.

Education Committee's Report to Conference.

THE COMMITTEE, 1931-1932

Miss M. E. Lawton, G.N.S.C. (Chairman), Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C. and Mr. A. T. Connor, F.N.S.C. (Education Secretary)—who constitute the B.S.L.U. section of the National Joint Education Committee—Miss E. Elliott, A.N.S.C. (B.S.L.U. President) and Miss Eva C. Connor, A.N.S.C. (Asst. Secretary). Miss Lawton also acts as Oral Grade Secretary.

MEETINGS.

Since last Conference the Committee has met three times—in July, (when it also acted with Mr. Marks as the Psychology Tests Committee), in October (on the Friday evening before the Joint Education Committee meeting), and in April, to consider the Conference Report, and other routine business—in addition to the usual after-Conference meeting at Barrow.

WORK DONE.

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

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

The most cordial relations continue to exist between the London and Rochdale Branches of the Education Office, and the experiment of inter-working is an assured success. During the illness that preceded the transition of Mr. Knott, Mrs. Mills and Miss Elliott carried out the General Office section of the Examination work, and our arisen General Secretary even did his best to help from his sick-room. As a result of his promotion, the educational movement in Spiritualism has lost one of its most enthusiastic and courageous supporters, although we are sure that his interest and assistance will continue from his Spirit Home.

SALES.

The sales of Handbooks show a decrease on the previous year's sales, and it is hoped that improvement will come in the current year. The Committee is of opinion that sales could be further improved if Lyceum Committees would ask their Church Committees to place the Handbooks on the Church Bookstall.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

As the Examinations are not held till mid-May, it is impossible to give any final report, or even final entry figures. Up to the time of going to press the entries were 936 students (including 331 Oral Grade) from 88 Lyceums. The complete number of entries and the sitters will be published in the June BANNER, and the final Examination Results will appear in the Official Results Book.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS.

The long discussion on educational matters, at last Conference, was of very great assistance to the Committee, as had been hoped; and much benefit is anticipated from the discussions at this and future Conferences. But it is much to be desired that educationists with ideas, calculated to help the working of our Education Scheme, would forward their proposals (before the end of March) to the Education Secretary—with suggestions as to how their ideas are to be put into successful operation, so that our Committee would have reasonable time to consider the proposals and be able to make a recommendation on them to Conference. Ideas which *sound* workable—or otherwise—when merely introduced to the delegates in a Conference speech, *look* very different when considered from the point of view of fitting them into our Scheme. The Committee's idea is to secure a Conference symposium of experiences in teaching and classwork for the benefit of all present; for, as was said last year, the experience of Examiners, Tutors and students should be at the service of the Committee and each other, and the Annual Conference is, at present, the only opportunity of exchanging opinions and experiences and discussing possible experiments.

JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Joint Education Committee has met twice—in October and February—to carry out its national duties. Entrants and sitters (in brackets) for the March examinations are as follows:—Intermediate Grade, 26 (23); Subsidiary Grade, 7 (7); Final Grade, 6 (4); and 52 Church and Subscribing Members of the S.N.U. have entered for the Entrance Examination.

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

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

PAPER ON LYCEUM WORK.

It will be remembered that, at last Conference, our Education Secretary was appointed to read his paper on "*Lyceum*" Education to the Hague Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation. For several reasons, Mr. Connor found it impracticable to travel, and the paper was read by Mr. Knott. It was published in the BANNER and issued as a pamphlet, and 2,000 copies were sold in a few weeks. It has been suggested from several quarters that the paper should be reprinted as a propaganda leaflet.

RE OUR SUPERVISORS.

Up to the time of going to press, Mr. Wilkinson has not submitted any confirmation of his statement at last Conference.

OUR NEW HANDBOOKS.

New editions of the Oral Grade Primer and No. 1. Handbook have been issued, and the topical information in each brought up to date. The Oral Grade Primer has been revised and enlarged, and the Education Committee recommends it for consideration as an experiment with a Children's Manual. Only 16 of its 56 pages are devoted to examination work, and in the remainder the Committee has attempted to demonstrate its opinion that it is not merely an Examining Board, but has educational functions quite apart from the preparation of text-books and the holding of examinations. In the first 40 pages the Committee has tried to provide teaching suitable for Junior Lyceumists—and, indeed, for adults new to the Lyceum Movement—and hopes that the early demand for a reprint will show that the attempt has met with the approval of Conductors and Group Leaders, and of the Movement in general.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD.

In 1920 Our Lyceum Guild was established, and under the Leadership of Miss Kitson it soon became a valuable recruiting agent for Education Scheme students. Every year the number of students increased, and the Guild badge came to be recognised as the hall-mark of a progressive Lyceumist, even as in actual fact it came to be considered an integral part of the Education Scheme. In 1926 Examination entries reached the high-water mark of 1693, but by 1929 they had fallen to 1197; in 1930 and 1931 they climbed back to the 1922 level; but this year's entries threaten to drop to below the 1929 standard (unless a last-minute spurt retrieves the position). The interest and the recruiting value of the Guild are sadly missed in the Districts and locally, and it is believed that a revival of the Guild, as an officially and nationally recognised auxiliary of the Education Scheme, will greatly assist the Education Committee by not only attracting new students but in holding old ones. The Education Committee does not make any recommendation, but does hope for a friendly discussion of the suggestion that the Guild should be revived, with a Guild Leader appointed by Conference—and that the discussion will lead to a favourable decision.

THE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS TO—

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

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

IN CONCLUSION.

The National Joint Education Scheme offers to the

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

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

On behalf of the Education Committee

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

M. E. LAWTON, G.N.S.C., Chairman.

THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

The LYCEUM BANNER continues to pursue its way despite the conditions with which Lyceums have been confronted industrially. Sales for the current issue are 3,750.

The contributors to the LYCEUM BANNER remain faithful and inspiring.

The Editor wishes to thank Mr. A. T. Connor, Meg. Uncle Bert, Uncle Fred, and contributors of articles of topical interest. The Mutual Aid Bureau proved to be a most interesting addition to the pages of the BANNER. Articles were contributed by prominent Lyceumists and Spiritualists.

The Education Articles give a special lead to students of the Education Scheme and so enhance the value of the official organ.

The children's stories are eagerly read and their interest increases.

Lyceums continue to send reports thus recognising the value of our paper in linking up with the movement.

Editors of Foreign Journals continue to have exchange copies.

One regrettable feature is that there are many Lyceums who do not take the BANNER.

The Editor thanks everyone who has assisted in any way towards furthering the progress of our Official Organ.

The National Spiritualist College.

Report to Conference for the Year ending 31st
December, 1931.

The College Board is pleased to be able to report, once again, a year of satisfactory foundational work. Present-day economic conditions make it difficult, where it is not impossible, to do anything in the nature of extensive 'building'; but the structure of our College is steadily becoming stronger, and we look forward to the next few years to see our 'houses not built with hands' acknowledged as the central rallying-point of an educational Spiritualism.

The membership at the end of 1931 is 116 Associates (A.N.S.C.), 11 Graduates (G.N.S.C.)—including 4 Church Members—and 12 Fellows (F.N.S.C.)—includ-

ing 4 Past-Presidents of the S.N.U.—with 1 District Centre and 10 registered Local Branches, which include one Church; so that the whole Organised Movement is represented in our activities.

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

The Board records its grateful appreciation of the financial support received, and of the publicity given to the work of the College by the Editor of THE LYCEUM BANNER, whose generous allotment of space in his journal for our reports, announcements and appeals has provided us with an assured wide contact with the educational section of the Spiritualist Movement.

With determined optimism we are proceeding with our spade-work, and preparing for the time when Churches will realise their duty to the inquirers and investigators attracted by their propagandist efforts, and will adopt educational class work and the National Education Scheme as normal, matter-of-course activities.

A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., Hon. Secretary.
W. G. GUSH, D.N.U., F.N.S.C., Chairman.

Financial Statement for the year ending
31st December, 1931.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1930	.....	25	1	11
Donations, of varying amounts, from applicants for Diplomas	.....	1	7	6
Registration Fees from 10 local Branches	.....	2	10	0
Sales of Text Books	.....	1	6	1
Bank Interest	.....	0	7	9
		£30	13	3
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Printing	.....	0	7	0
Balance in hands of Trustee-Treasurer (in Bank)	.....	28	6	3
Hon. Secretary	.....	2	0	0
		30	6	3
		£30	13	3

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

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

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

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

There have been no cases reported for arbitration during 1931.

This is a good sign of the amicable working between Lyceums and Churches.

A copy of the rules of procedure is sent to every Lyceum entering into membership with the B.S.L.U.

Many queries on discipline have been dealt with by sending copies of the Rules.

EDITH ELLIOTT, *vice* G. F. KNOTT.

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee met at Liverpool on Saturday and Sunday, the 7th and 8th of November, 1931, all members being present. The work of revision was continued, the results being as reported in the LYCEUM BANNER for December. The possibility of accelerating the work was discussed and tentative arrangements made. Preliminary arrangements were considered for reviewing the work before its final completion and presentation. The next meeting was fixed for 3rd December, 1932.

ERNEST A. KEELING, Chairman.

The United Districts' Council.

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

The above Council have held meetings at Macclesfield and Bury.

The subjects most prominently discussed were the financial position of the B.S.L.U., which resulted in districts having the matter placed directly before them; the apparent need for Re-organisation; and Education.

Successful Propaganda meetings were held, and at Macclesfield a Massed Session was well attended by the Lyceums in the District Council.

We have tried, through the District Councils, to bring home to Lyceumists their responsibility to the Union.

C. T. BATLEY, President.

A. S. DICKINSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

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

Since the Scheme was operated in 1930 there have been 25 cases dealt with, 24 having received treatment. During 1931, 17 patients have been sent to Convalescent Homes. There has only been one refusal to accept our patients out of the 30 Homes where application has been made.

The Management Committee has appointed the Officers of the Union to deal with all claims for treatment.

Total expenses for the year are £62 3s. 6d. Cost of treatment is £42 13s. Administration costs, £19 2s. 5d.

Each year brings a greater realisation of the benefits to be obtained through the scheme, thus alleviating the conditions of sick and indigent Lyceumists.

Forms of Application can be had on application to the Clerk to the Charity, 30, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

OVERSEAS REPORT.

Letters of interest continue to be received concerning the activities of Lyceums overseas.

The Canadian Spiritualists' National Union is still the sole agent for the sale of our publications in Canada. This Union is catering for the Churches and Lyceums in that country.

Great interest is shewn in Holland in Lyceum training, and in Child welfare.

Lyceums in affiliation with the B.S.L.U. are: Calgary, Winnipeg (two), Dunedin, Wellington, Johannesburg, Methuen (Mass, U.S.A.)

Calgary Lyceum has opened a Psychic Centre, under the Presidency of Mrs. A. Garrad, for the study of Spiritualism.

Miss R. Burgess continues to be active in the work for New Zealand Lyceums, as does Mr. R. Webb (a contributor to the LYCEUM BANNER), who, along with his family, propounds the English method of Lyceum training. Mr. Webb, who expects to arrive in this country early in May, will be welcomed as a Fraternal Visitor at our forthcoming Conference.

Johannesburg is still our sole member in South Africa.

Correspondence shows that Lyceumists leaving the Homeland and settling overseas continue to be active in the work. Thus the influence of Lyceum training is never lost.

Poneke Lyceum, Wellington, New Zealand, is reported to have re-opened. We wish them every success.

Those who are isolated from Lyceums keep the chain intact through correspondence, which tells us the memory of Lyceum training is never forgotten.

The LYCEUM BANNER keeps the link with Australia, Canada, U.S.A., Holland, and many other countries that could be enumerated.

We feel sure that the Delegates assembled at the Annual Conference will heartily commend the sending of greetings from the B.S.L.U. to Lyceumists the world over.

INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST FEDERATION.

The Fourth Triennial International Spiritualist Congress was held at The Hague in September, 1931. There was an attendance of 650 Delegates, representing 50 countries, this being the best represented Congress yet held.

Eleven papers were contributed from the United Kingdom, dealing with Science, Healing, Philosophy, Doctrine and Ethics, Propaganda, Organisation and Literature. One of the very especial features of the Congress was the Sunday morning Service in English, organised by the Members of the S.N.U. Council. Another special feature was a paper entitled "Lyceum Education" written by Mr. A. T. Connor, and read by Mr. G. F. Knott.

An invitation to hold the next Triennial Congress in 1934 at Barcelona was accepted.

A detailed report of The Hague Congress will be found on page 157 of the October, 1931, LYCEUM BANNER.

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

The S.N.U. A.G.M. Report was printed on pages 148—149 of the September, 1931, issue.

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

The S.N.U. Council has held four meetings (including one at the A.G.M.). As decided by the A.G.M. the B.S.L.U. have only had one representative, Mr. W. Burrows retiring in favour of the General Secretary, Mr. G. F. Knott.

Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Knott he was

present only at one meeting. Owing to the demise of Mr. G. F. Knott, Mr. J. Slimin represented the B.S.L.U. at the April meeting.

During the year eight new Churches and 14 new Subscribing Members were accepted in affiliation.

A further experiment is being attempted with a Summer School, which will be held for two weeks, commencing June 27th until July 9th, at Ashburn House, Greenock.

The Union's financial position has improved, largely due to the Doyle bequest. Its main source of income is derived from Church and Subscribing Members' Fees, and both these items show slight, but gratifying increases over the previous year.

The Fund of Benevolence still operates in a useful capacity. Some Lyceums subscribe directly, and others jointly with the Churches, to the Fund. During the year £888 has been donated which shows the keen interest in this worthy project.

The S.N.U. Parliamentary Committee is still active and is endeavouring to find a Member of Parliament who is willing to sponsor the Spiritualist Bill, in place of Mr. W. T. Kelly, Ex-M.P. for Rochdale, who was not returned to the House at the last election.

We continue to work jointly with Education, I.S.F. membership, and the work of the S.N.U. generally.

The next A.G.M. will be held at Glasgow on Saturday and Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd, 1932.

Signed,
J. SLIMIN,
EDITH ELLIOTT,
Gen. Sec. vice G. F. KNOTT.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ELECTORAL AREAS.

Result of the Ballots taken in the Lyceums on April 10th, 1932.

Area.	Candidates.	Votes.
A. Vacant
B. Mr. E. Nellist	174
Mr. J. Slimin	249
C. Mr. J. Le Noury	50
Mr. J. F. Smith	172
Mr. L. Tweedale	196
D. Mr. E. Aked	100
Mr. T. Ellis	86
E. Mr. J. Shuttleworth	Unopposed.
F. Mrs. L. K. George	157
Mr. J. E. Hart	123
Mr. A. Hudson	133
Mr. G. A. Mack	38
Mr. R. W. Marks	112
G. Mr. H. C. Dobby	Unopposed.
H. Mrs. A. Calway	Unopposed.

Signed,
EDITH ELLIOTT, President.
A. MILLS, Asst. Secy.

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

The number of Lyceumists on the Lyceum Register during 1930 are the figures for which fees were paid during 1931, and are enumerated under the heading "1931." The same method applies to the figures returned from Lyceums who have paid the Annual Fees on or before April 26th, 1932.

The total number of Lyceumists for 1931 is 13,035, against 13,259. The total number of Lyceums for 1931 is 264, against 262 in 1930. There is a gain of two Lyceums, but a loss of 224 Lyceumists.

	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
Liverpool, Daulby Hall	87	74		
" Boaler Street	36			
Rock Ferry	43	35		
Runcorn	25	21		
Southport	38	36		
Warrington	130	125		
Wigan	45	40		
St. Helens	50	25		
LONDON DISTRICT.				
Battersea	46	26		
Bowes Park	32	22		
Brixton	78	71		
Clapham	26	32		
Croydon	26	28		
Ealing	20			
Eltham	31	32		
Forest Hill	68	49		
Fulham	47	49		
Hackney	38	49		
Hampton Hill	36	33		
Hounslow	24			
Kingston-on-Thames	19	33		
Little Ilford	25			
Lewisham	76	67		
Manor Park	46	50		
New Malden	48	44		
Peckham	35	34		
Plaistow	44	47		
Rochester Square	76	37		
Southend and Westcliff	70	47		
Stratford	87	74		
Tottenham and Edmonton	42	45		
Tottenham, High Road	61	43		
Walthamstow	40			
Woolwich and Plumstead	38	38		
Guildford	24			
Hampton Wick and Teddington	18	40		
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.				
Hollinwood	53	67		
Manchester Progressive	47	49		
Cheetham Hill	48	67		
Collyhurst	56	58		
Droylsden	36	36		
Harpurhey	60	70		
Hr. Openshaw	25	20		
Longsight	65	75		
Milton, Eccles	48	50		
Moss Side	26	37		
Moston	47	57		
Newton Heath	81	74		
New Manchester	50	37		
Openshaw	32	48		
Pendleton	75	50		
Princess Hall	82	56		
Salford	49	49		
Stretford	47	49		
Northwich	34	48		
Winnington	15			
Gorton	26	33		
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.				
Ashton-under-Lyne	42	48		
Congleton	49	45		
Heaton Norris	46	70		
Hyde	72	84		
Leek	45			
Macclesfield	45	43		
Stockport Central	38	45		
NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.				
Accrington, Argyle Street	46	46		
" Pearl Street	38	39		
Barnoldswick, West End	36	49		
Barrow, Dalkeith Street	99	87		
" Preston Street	46	33		
Blackburn	97	97		
Blackpool	75	70		
Brierfield	48	50		
Burnley, Hammerton Street	47	43		
" North Street	78	47		
Clitheroe	23	27		
Colne	24			
Darwen	99	117		
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.				
Birmingham, Handsworth	50	71		
" Stirchley	39	47		
" Corporation Street	16			
Smethwick	47	50		
Walsall	70	74		
Wolverhampton	35	74		
BOLTON DISTRICT.				
Bolton, Bradford Street	96	65		
" Deane Road	48	28		
" Henry Street	17			
Bury, King Street	46	43		
Horwich	75	69		
Leigh, Evans Street	48	48		
Radcliffe	24			
BRADFORD DISTRICT.				
Bradford, Harker Street	27	22		
" Milton	24	21		
Laisterdyke	45	50		
Keighley	45	48		
Saltaire	50	50		
Shipley	20	23		
Windhill	64	82		
Idle	22	16		
Yeadon		48		
COVENTRY DISTRICT.				
Coventry, Bull Street	32	23		
" Broadgate	44	40		
Nuneaton	96	73		
Rugby	35	21		
Upper Stoke	34	50		
HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.				
Brighouse, Commercial Street	54	50		
Elland, Westgate	28			
Halifax, Alma Street	54	52		
" Queen's Road	42	38		
Hebden Bridge	12	16		
Huddersfield, Ramsden Street	18	18		
" St. Peter Street	20	24		
Quarmby	32	30		
Sowerby Bridge	79	83		
West Vale	34	28		
LEEDS DISTRICT.				
Batley	40	25		
Batley Carr	44	32		
Birstall	19	14		
Castleford	82	75		
Cleckheaton	43	48		
Dewsbury	140	123		
Heckmondwike	30	40		
Hemsworth	50	50		
Hull, Dairycoates	50	62		
" Gipsyville	45	45		
" Holborn Hall	33	25		
Leeds, Armley	62	75		
" Horsforth	15	15		
" Psycho	38	47		
" Easy Road	44	35		
Liversedge	50	48		
Morley, Queen Street	45	23		
Normanton, Queen Street	44	38		
Wakefield	47	50		
York	39	42		
LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.				
Birkenhead	51	50		
Chester	19	22		

	1931.	1932.		1931.	1932.
Earby, Greenend Avenue	48	40	Cardiff, Park Grove	48	70
„ Onward	52	40	Newport, Albany Hall	48	38
Fleetwood	143	147	Ogmore Vale	30	36
Great Harwood	35	47	Llanelly	25	25
Lancaster, Alliance	89	75	Tredegar	35	26
„ Bulk Road	64	58	Blackwood	—	50
Nelson	92	100	Ystrad	—	—
Padiham	44	50			
Preston Central	49	43	TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.		
Rawtenstall	27	42	Darlington, Ever Welcome	16	16
Rishton	28	36	„ Psycho	32	40
NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.			Grangetown	48	28
Beeston	36	40	Gurney Valley	97	85
Belper	100	100	Middlesbrough, Grange Road	95	99
Derby	41	49	„ Wilson Street	40	45
Eastwood	54	47	Shildon	77	81
Hucknall	50	50	Stockton, Brunswick Street	32	32
Kirkby	46	46	„ Cecil Street	39	27
Leicester, Liberty Progressive	48	49	West Hartlepool, Musgrave Street	73	72
„ Rupert Street	33	35	„ „ Whitby Street	50	—
„ Silver Street	6	—	„ „ Charles Street	—	41
Lincoln, Coultham Street	28	22	Horden	23	23
„ Midland	37	33	Billingham	36	50
Mansfield	49	68	South Bank-on-Tees	—	40
Nottingham, Mechanics' Hall	80	44			
„ Pearson's Buildings	38	35	TYNE-SIDE DISTRICT.		
„ Sherwood Street N.	47	39	Ashington	34	34
„ Beaconsfield Street	40	34	Cornsay	49	—
Ripley, Codnor and District	48	41	Craghead	50	50
Stapleford	38	42	Dawdon	43	—
Sutton-in-Ashfield	34	67	Gateshead, Beaconsfield	54	56
Long Eaton, Broad Street	—	33	„ Rectory Hall	75	77
SCOTTISH DISTRICT.			Hetton and District	94	91
Edinburgh, Gayfield Square	47	50	Hirst	100	118
Glasgow, Northern	30	—	Jarrow, Ellison Street	34	48
„ Southern	—	—	„ 52a, Ellison Street	47	49
Rosyth	30	49	Newburn-on-Tyne	100	100
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.			Newcastle, Benwell	93	72
Barnsley, Grace Street	74	70	„ Heaton and Byker	54	50
„ North Pavement	60	50	„ Rye Hill	50	40
Chesterfield	69	72	„ Wallsend	30	16
Doncaster, Catherine Street	37	48	New Delaval and Newsham	30	38
Kimberworth	30	—	North Shields	96	80
Mexborough	40	32	South Shields, Fowler Street	96	100
Parkgate	84	85	„ „ Cambridge Street	100	100
Rotherham	45	48	„ „ High Shields	32	48
Scunthorpe	47	41	Southwick-on-Wear	43	40
Sheffield, Attercliffe	132	121	Sunderland	44	39
„ Darnall	50	48	Tyneside Centre	49	42
„ Heeley, Gifford Road	84	83	West Stanley	40	48
„ Heeley, Woodseats	40	48	West Pelton	47	40
Stainforth	50	—	Whitley Bay	29	45
West Melton	62	70	Seaham Harbour	—	45
Wombwell	50	69			
Dinnington and Laughton	50	—	AREA LYCEUMS.		
Barnsley, Old Foundry	44	48	Carlisle	33	30
SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.			Grimsby	90	72
Brighton	38	22	Hanley	146	95
Bristol, Providence Hall	76	62	Northampton	48	46
Devonport	44	26	Peterborough	65	66
Eastleigh	49	—	Skegness	32	20
Exeter	22	—	Tunstall	50	—
Portsmouth	80	75	Llandudno	36	—
Reading	45	48	Longton	50	—
Ryde	16	14			
Southampton	80	85	COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LYCEUMS.		
SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.			Calgary	30	—
Bacup	50	59	Dunedin	44	—
Dearnley	34	—	Johannesburg	—	—
Middleton, Gilmour Street	40	38	Wellington	47	—
„ Old Hall Street	32	31	Winnipeg, Polson Avenue	38	—
Oldham, Elliott Street	30	—			
„ Waterhead	40	19			
Rochdale, Baillie Street	38	35			
„ Baron Street	34	36			
„ Regent Hall	78	71			
Todmorden, Eagle Street	50	50			
„ Roomfield Buildings	25	—			
SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.					
Caerau	50	—			

We regret to announce the transition, under tragic circumstances, of Bernard Wright, aged 9 years. He was accidentally knocked down and killed by a motor car on April 11th. He was a Lyceumist at the Dearnley Lyceum.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents and sincerely hope that the knowledge of a future life will help them in their sorrow.

The Management Committee at Halifax.

The Management Committee of the B. S. L. U. met on Saturday and Sunday, April 9th and 10th, at St. Paul's Church, Alma Street, Halifax.

The General Secretary and Mr. Kitson were unable to be present owing to sickness. The General Secretary has since passed into spirit.

Members present: Miss E. Elliott (President), Mrs. J. Reynolds (Vice-President), Mr. Burrows (Treasurer), Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. E. Aked, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, Mr. J. Slimin, Mr. H. C. Dobby, Mr. R. W. Marks, Mrs. A. Calway.

It was agreed to send letters of sympathy to Mr. Kitson and Mr. Knott.

The receipts for Jan., Feb. and March were reported to be £375 16s. 1d. Payments £133 13s. 8d. Supplementary Funds £7 17s. 11d.

The General Report showed that up-to-date there are 11,359 Lyceumists. The amount of cash paid in Fees is £16 15s.

The LYCEUM BANNER income was £60 2s. 3d. Expenses £80 3s. 3d. The BANNER sales showed a slight decrease on the corresponding months for 1931.

Lyceumists continue to take advantage of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme. Two Lyceumists have received treatment and several others are under consideration.

The Publishing Report showed a decrease in the sales, but this is attributed to the continued economic position.

South Bank, Hartlepool (Pioneers Progressive) and Yeaton Lyceums were accepted into membership.

It was generally agreed that the interpretation of Article X. shall be, under "Election of Officers," "he/she be a fully qualified Lyceumist of an affiliated Lyceum."

It was decided to arrange with Miss E. Elliott, President of the Union, to act for the Union as General Secretary, vice Mr. Knott.

The M.C. also subscribed their deep and sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Knott during his term of office as General Secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Alma Street Church and Lyceum for their hospitality.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

An Open Session was held in the afternoon. After being welcomed by the Lyceum Conductor, Miss G. Halliday, the Session was conducted by Miss E. Elliott, President.

Special vocal and instrumental items were given by Lyceumists.

The readings were taken by members of the M.C. and comments were made bearing upon the lessons in general.

In the evening a Propaganda meeting was held, Miss Elliott, President, presiding. Mrs. A. Calway and Messrs. Marks and Slimin were the speakers.

Special Reports.

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

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth.—We had an interesting event at our Lyceum on February 28th, when the Silver Bell was presented to 'Forward' Lyceum. We are the winners for the first year of the Silver Bell Efficiency Test being inaugurated. The presentation was made by the President of the B. & D. L.D.C., who have provided the Bell for the competition. All Lyceums affiliated were represented at a Massed Session. We had a happy and enjoyable afternoon.—A. B. Brown, Sec.

CALGARY.—The Lyceum children gave a very enjoyable concert in our Church. A good number were present. The sketch was "How to Manage a Husband," and was given with great ability. It was well received by the audience. Those taking part were:—Jean Poyser, Margaret Dam, Raymond Parkyn, Jack Lullington, M. Eshelby. Dances by J. Poyser, M. Dam and S. Ashcroft. The Lyceum children have organised themselves into a Sunbeam Club for the benefit of the Church and Lyceum. Our Church is really proud of our children. They are really working hard. We wish all Lyceums progress.—M. L. Parkyn, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rye Hill.—April 12th, a successful concert was given by the children of the Lyceum, comprising a sketch entitled "The Rainbow," a musical recitation, "The British Isles," and various other items. This, the first concert to be given by our younger members, was very well received by an appreciative audience.—A. Richardson, Sec.

WAKEFIELD.—On March 6th we held our Lyceum Anniversary. An Open Session was conducted by Mr. Mack, of Runcorn, during which the Prize Distribution took place. Pearls, recitations and a duet were given.

The evening service was conducted by Mr. Mack and individual items were given by Lyceumists.—Miss D. Harding, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Poneke.—The inaugural meeting of the Poneke Lyceum was held on the first Sunday in February, when the Lyceum was re-opened, under the conductorship of Mr. T. Naylor, after a lapse of two years. In order that the members might become socially acquainted, a picnic was held to the native bush. The weather favoured us, and we travelled seven miles by boat to Eastbourne, then climbed up a hill track to a height of 800 feet, commanding a view of Wellington and some of its back country. Then into the primitive bush where nature speaks in her native tongue, unsullied by civilised corruptions. We camped in a clearing by a bush creek and lighted a fire to make tea. The members swam in the creek. We returned home tired but happy.

March 6th, the experimental opening of the Lyceum revealed success by the steady increase in the number of children on the roll. This being the first Sunday in the month, we held Open Session. Recitations were given by Christine McKinnon, Cecil Johnson, Jack Bowen, Audrey Bowen, Lorna Anderson, Margaret Grigg, Ethel Parkins, and Mr. T. Naylor. Pearls were given by every Lyceumist and by all visitors. The afternoon was very fruitful in its harvest of thoughts.

Election of Officers:—Conductor, Mr. T. Naylor; Secretary, Mrs. Bowles; Treasurer, Mr. Bowles; Musical Conductor, Mr. W. F. Harris; Guardian, Christine McKinnon, Librarian, Cecil Johnson; Capt. of Guards, Lorna Anderson; Guards, Ethel Parkin, Margaret Grigg, Audrey Bowen and Jack Bowen.

This concluded a full and happy afternoon's employment. The younger members are now being trained by the Conductor for a short play and concert. Best wishes to all Lyceums in the New and Old Worlds.—Tom Naylor, Con.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—April 3rd, Open Sessions. There was a good attendance and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Pearls were rendered by Eileen, Edith and Fred Nichols, Hazel Dale, Marguerite Kinghorn, Jeenie Long, Elizabeth, Irene, Julius and John Mahalek, Olive Forrest. Miss M. Anderson and Mrs. H. Forrest. Recitations were rendered by Hazel Dale, Edith Nichols, Marguerite Kinghorn, Jeenie Lang, Irene, Elizabeth and John Mahalek, Mrs. J. Hargreaves and Miss M. Anderson. A solo was given by Mr. H. Forrest and a group of junior girls rendered a song. The songs were accompanied by Master Harry Forrest.—Olive Forrest, Sec.

To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die.