

A "HUMAN" VIEW OF JESUS



EASTER TO WHITSUN. A.D. 29.

by

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I. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE BIBLE STORY.

TO MANY WHO TAKE A DEEP AND practical interest in our Movement it has become a matter of deep disquietude whether, in our attitude towards Jesus of Nazareth, we Spiritualists are not in danger of falling between the two stools of total rejection and of full acceptance of his special divinity—and thus deteriorating into a mere collection of warring sections as bigoted and as intolerant of each other as any we now decry. The only safety seems to lie in accepting the story of Jesus as being a substantially true record of the doings of an actual person, but yet retaining our right to examine and judge the value of its recorded events in the light of our modern knowledge and our modern way of thinking. To do this successfully we must sternly sweep aside the prejudices which are the only real supports of both stools, and consider the story as we would consider that of any other figure in history. I do not know of any outstanding biography that has not been challenged as being inaccurate, extravagant or misleading—and there is no just reason why the biography of Jesus should not be accepted as these others are, and given the same allowances.

So I suggest to my fellow students that we should approach the story—or such parts of it as we shall consider—with open-minds, and see if we cannot find a satisfactory pathway between our two stools which we can agree to use for the avoidance of disaster. We shall take no notice of the Higher Criticism or the Modernist Christian movement, and we shall accept the Authorised Version of the Bible as our reference without worrying whether or not there have been alterations of the original text, or whether certain words and phrases have been mistranslated. Most of us were taught from the Authorised Version, and wise people always form their opinions from what they know.

I am going to ask that we shall confine our consideration to Passion Week, A.D. 29, and what followed from it, as it is around this part that our most vital interest gathers. The virgin birth is not understood by the young—and anyway, Mary is the only one in a position to give any information on the matter, and no statement by her has been left on record. The parables and miracles are all understandable or explainable from our experiences of psychic powers and spirit teachings, and, in any case, they only supply the shadings that throw our part of the picture into strong relief. So we shall study our section, using the rest, when needed, to help us to a better understanding of what we are considering.

It will be agreed that the outstanding figures in Passion Week are Jesus, Peter and Judas, who to me form a tragic triangle of misunderstanding. Sympathies may differ; but even as a little boy who accepted without question the full divinity of Jesus, the wickedness of Judas and the lying cowardice of Peter, my sympathies always lay with Judas rather than with either of the other two. Jesus was God, *and had come to Earth to die* for Mankind. Being superhuman, his physical death, like (as I then believed) his physical birth, was above the operation of natural law; and I could see no need for sympathy for a god who was dying the death he himself had chosen. For Peter I never felt anything but contempt; for I had always been taught that a liar is more dangerous than a rattlesnake and more poisonous than a cobra, and to my young mind Peter's denial of Jesus when his leader was in trouble seemed too utterly cowardly and inexcusable. But I was always sorry for Iscariot. He was an unwilling actor in the drama—though apparently a necessary one. The Son of Man had to be betrayed to his murderers; therefore somebody had to betray him. Judas did not choose the task. It was thrust upon

him, and by Jesus himself, as we are told in John. Yet Christians, who claim to benefit by his act, are taught to abhor him and even his name, though he played a part in securing their salvation—and I always pitied him. Poor Judas!

As I grew older I fell into atheism; studied myself into agnosticism, and finally through Spiritualism obtained a new view of God. Jesus came back into my beliefs, but this time as a human being. As a god he was no help to me either as a saviour or as an exemplar, but a human being who did as Jesus had done, and had suffered shameful death rather than abandon, modify or sell his right to broadcast his revelation, was both a dauntless martyr and a noble exemplar, and as such I found that I could accept him. Jesus the Man showed me what a man could do.

My Spiritualist realisations absorbed or enlightened what I could accept of my former Christian beliefs, and I built up a new conception of Jesus and found new meanings in the records of his life and works. Also I could understand things in the Man that I could not understand in the God, and once more it became a pleasure to read my Bible. I still stuck to the Authorised Version, though I did not deny myself the help that could be obtained from other translations. And the only reservation I claimed (and still claim) was the right to differ from *the personal comments* added to the story by either the original authors or later compilers of the Gospels, and to form my own opinions from a careful reading of the historical accounts. For instance, assuming that John was the actual author of the gospel called after him, I remember that he and Jesus were bosom friends, and therefore I regard his strong remarks about Judas as being influenced by his resentment against the betrayer of his leader, and his accusations of criminal character and base motives as the only thing we could expect from him. And I also remember that when Jesus was arrested "and they all forsook him and fled," it was not John who afterwards followed him into the dangerous area of the High Priest's palace.

Further, I claim the right to accept or reject the various claims that any given sayings or doings of Jesus were said or done in order to fulfil some portion of the Hebrew scriptures. For instance, must we believe that he rode into Jerusalem "on a colt, the foal of an ass," just to fulfil passages in the writings of Isaiah and Zachariah; or that he pleaded with the temple mob to let his disciples go free, just because he had claimed in his hour-old prayer that of those God had given him he had lost not one? To do so would be to convict Jesus of being nothing better than a mountebank and a stage-struck strutter, who deliberately created situations calculated to identify him with the Messiah expected by the Jews; and my opinion of Jesus is too high to permit belief in any such ridiculous and disgraceful libel.

Finally, I ask my fellow students to remember that the story of Jesus—whoever wrote it—was written by people who believed in his special divinity and that he had come to redeem mankind from sin; and also that the Gospels were written some time after the events they claim to describe. Our memory of events depends on what had impressed us in whatever happened, and we are all apt to confuse what we have witnessed with what we thought about it at the time. And the Gospel writers, after all, were only human beings.

Next month—The Tragic Triangle.

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Dear Lyceumists All,

I am again pleased at the steady response to our fund and appreciate very much the work Lyceumists are doing. This month, I wish to stress my appeal for FOUNDER'S DAY COLLECTION and sincerely hope that it will be a "bumping total." Please send all monies direct to me.

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GREETINGS.—Again it is my pleasure to ask for your co-operation in sending our kindest thoughts and best wishes for many happy birthdays to Mrs. Spencer, February 3rd, and G. H. Morgan, February 22nd, both of Daulby Hall Lyceum. Total 1s.

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The grand total this month is £8 17s. 5d.

Don't forget FOUNDER'S DAY COLLECTION.

With best wishes to all,

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Everton, Liverpool.

LILLIE GEORGE.

SIDNEY CALWAY ASKS.....

FOR EIGHT YEARS I thought the Lyceum Session interesting and instructive. Now I am just bored by it. I comfort myself by thinking that I am not alone in my boredom. Many others are in a similar position. The truth is that

after some years of the same session programme Sunday after Sunday one begins to get blasé about it all. One accepts it as the customary thing and the Lyceum Session eventually tends towards becoming a ritual, an habitual ceremony, and not the agent of a living Education which it is intended to be. Wherever I go I find large numbers of keen, intelligent Lyceumists still believing in its aims, still believing in its teachings, still influenced by its inspiring qualities and fiercely upholding the legitimacy of its claims but passing through its weekly meeting as a matter of form, as a habit which would be hard to overcome. There is I am sure something missing. I do not complain about the ideals of the movement but I do complain about its sessions and the tiredness of many conductors.

The basis of the Lyceum Session is after all the Manual. Perhaps this is the reason for the monotony of many of them. The unrevised state of this compilation after forty-four years of publication is a disgrace to any movement which calls itself progressive. Many of its readings are very unsuitable. Some are nauseatingly sentimental. We have discarded such views to-day. They only bore adults and disgust children. Apart from the actual content of the Manual, Lyceum sessions which are based on it week after week, using only those readings which are in that book and adopting a customary order of service are bound to become boring, for after a time the readings have all repeatedly received consideration if the Manual is to be the handbook of a Progressive Movement. It must offer more than an extremely varied selection of poems and readings. It must offer matter for consideration which is on the intellectual level of the ordinary education which a child receives nowadays.

When the Manual was compiled it had to suit children whose education was of a different order to that of modern schools. The child today is acquainted with the fine things in literature and the lives of great men. He is led to an insight into the achievements of science and art. He is induced to recognise the romance of nature and the story of the human race. He is practical and receives a practical training and more importantly still he is logical and receives a logical training. His knowledge of life may be elementary and his experiences comparatively few but his mind is prepared to seek the finest things in life. It is from this basis that the Lyceum Session must develop itself and the Conductor must build if he is to interest and hold the children and awaken in them a keen desire to find the deeper meanings of our teachings. I do not consider that the Lyceum Manual or even the Education scheme really successfully takes advantage of the educative processes of an average child's daily life and I am convinced that many conductors are not only unconscious that they are attempting to educate children each week but they are

ignorant of the processes of education, and of the mental abilities and intellectual stages of their members.

An excellent example of the antiquated nature of certain parts of the session is to be found in the calisthenics. When the Lyceum movement had its birth physical training had no place in an ordinary school curriculum. Now it forms an important part of that curriculum and its importance is emphasised and a high standard maintained. The calisthenics conform to a standard of physical training far below that of the average child at school. As a result they are superfluous in a session and a waste of time. Far better than waste time each week at calisthenics it would be wiser to organise midweek activities of a character capable of correlation with the normal physical activities of children. In such a case the ideal of physical development and health accompanying mental development would not be sacrificed or lost but would be realised in a more practicable and sane manner. Because Andrew Jackson Davis has told us that children in spirit life march at their schools we have no reason to establish a tradition that all Lyceum Sessions must have marching and calisthenics without any consideration of the needs and requirements of the moment. If we must have calisthenics let them be at the right time and in the open. Let us make our movement a midweek activity, in fact a full-time activity rather than just a Sunday afternoon habit.

There is no reason why conductors should not use poems from outside the Manual. There is every reason why members of the Lyceum should find such readings for themselves and prepare a few minutes talk upon them. I often think that the practice in a session of asking members to read and then almost immediately explain their reading is a bad one. Such a practice is not training thoughtful speakers but is rather training impromptu tub-thumpers. The Spiritualist Cause is full enough of public nuisances who walk on to a platform, fail to give a successful address through lack of preparation, and then collect a fee for it, without the Lyceum movement training a lot more. There is much that needs revising in this direction and the successful Lyceum of the future will have to look for such faults and correct them.

The movement when it started was based upon ideals of education and a method of education which was ahead of its day. It has been admiring itself for so long that if it woke up now it would find itself a long way behind. We must avoid the danger of waking up at a still later date and finding ourselves still further behind. We need initiative and a determination to put into practice our boast of progressiveness even in the face of tradition and custom. Initiative will bring with it new interest and new enthusiasm will follow. We must revise our methods before we will obtain that badly needed enthusiasm which so many workers find missing in others. Above all if we call ourselves progressive let us be progressive and not a movement that has remained at a standstill for thirty years and has no desire to do otherwise.

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JOHN S. BARNETT

THE WORLD IN THE MELTING POT

THE MOVEMENT OF MODERN Spiritualism is slowly but surely emerging from the ordeal through which all new movements must pass, the stage of unreasoning prejudice, violent denunciation and personal vilification. By virtue of its indisputable facts, the integrity of its witnesses, the logic of its claims, the consistency of its philosophy and its sweet reasonableness as a religion, it has established itself as an important phase of modern thought.

From its earliest days it has attracted to its ranks many earnest men and women of the highest intellectual qualifications from the realm of science, philosophy, literature and law, men and women who braved persecution and ridicule because they realised that "truth is more precious than public opinion."

It is sweeping on from strength to strength, challenging old ideas everywhere, while the utterances of its opponents reveal their dismay at the futility of their efforts to stay its onward march. It has become an international force, transforming, modifying and changing the trend of human thought in the direction of a higher idealism.

On every hand a spirit of inquiry is manifest. Every thing is in the melting pot. Old institutions are threatened; old phases of thought subjected to vigorous scrutiny; and old traditions relegated to the limbo of obscurity.

The horror of war looms large before us; science, the instrument of human progress, has been perverted to the end of human destruction. In a world glutted with commodities the grim gaunt spectre of poverty stalks triumphantly throughout the land spreading despair and misery around. Men cry for bread while others burn wheat. The machine, the servant of man, threatens to become his master. Vice masquerades as virtue, evil poses as goodness. Men prostrate themselves before the altar of mammon, the shrine of the money god. As the poet Emerson aptly says: "things are in the saddle and ride mankind."

Yet hope is born anew. Silently but insistently the teachings of Spiritualism are penetrating the minds of men, acting as a leaven in the fermentation of human thought, bringing a nobler conception of Life, a clearer vision of eternal realities and creating a new standard of values based upon the spiritual needs and aspirations of Humanity.

Mankind is groping blindly for a solution of its problems, searching eagerly for a new social order wherein justice shall reign supreme, and the irresistible aspirations of the spirit shall find satisfaction.

We are beginning to realise that the problems of war, of poverty, and the evils that these bring in their train,

are not merely political and economic problems, but that they have a moral and spiritual significance. They are the inevitable offspring of a decadent materialism. Our civilisation, with its glories and its tragedies, its romance and its sordidness, is a representation of the minds that gave it birth. It is the external manifestation of our inner life, the externalisation of our own thought forces. It reflects our strivings after better things, our aspirations, follies, and weaknesses. It is the measure of our mental, moral, and spiritual evolution.

In the mad scramble for wealth, pomp and power, our ethics have degenerated into the ethics of the jungle. Our outlook upon life has been limited to its material aspect only, hence our vision has become distorted.

Yet the old order changeth, giving place to the new. Life is dynamic, not static. To live is to change, and humanity is pressing onward and upward to "fairer scenes and brighter hopings," slowly becoming more conscious of its spiritual origin, nature and destiny, and attuning itself to the finer forces of life. The great task before us is the one of individual spiritual regeneration, "the first task of the reformer is within himself, out of his own character he manifests his mission to the world." In the work of social reconstruction the Lyceum Movement must take an honoured place. The child is the foundation stone of human society. The whole problem of the future is centred in and around him. The child of to-day is the citizen of to-morrow, soon to be called upon to discharge the functions and duties of citizenship. In ministering to the mental, moral and spiritual needs of the child the Lyceum movement is rendering a service to humanity the importance of which is immeasurable.

The child mind is plastic. . . . a garden of virgin soil wherein nothing but the finest and fairest seeds should be planted so that its fruits may be of the choicest and best.

The Spiritual welfare of the young should be our first consideration.

Too long have our children been dominated both by Priest and Sacred Book. We seek to supplant external authority by enthroning reason and love to their rightful places as the natural guides and interpreters of human conduct.

Spiritualism brings to the children a faith based upon scientific fact, a message of love, and an inspiration to virtue and goodness.

A. J. Davis tells us that "the child is the repository of infinite possibilities." The Lyceum mode is to draw out these latent powers, to cultivate the child's natural aptitudes, not merely to impart knowledge, but rather to implant a love and a desire for knowledge.

Our object is to assist in the development of character, to cultivate such qualities as Self-Control, Self-Reverence, Self-Reliance and Self-Culture.

The first three are more or less embodied in the last, Self-Culture. . . . the development of the self as a spiritual being; the cultivation of our higher nature by the acquisition of knowledge; the broadening of our minds and the deepening of our emotional life. Love, the greatest thing in the world, must enter our lives and find expression in willing service to our fellows.

The kingdom of heaven is within, and by the cultivation of a practical spirituality we shall be led along the path of social righteousness and man, resplendent with the glory of the higher vision, shall create a new social order based on justice, truth and love.

A STRAIGHT TALK TO YOUNG SPIRITUALISTS

BY
JAMES
LEIGH

WE ARE CONSTANTLY hearing and speaking of the "Religion of the Future" as if it were exceedingly near at hand. Yet with the rise of every fresh generation the possibility of a Future Religion to which all men could subscribe becomes more remote than ever. We are as far from realising the ideal today as were our barbarious forefathers. They had, at least, one thing in common: namely, their simplicity and general lack of knowledge. But to-day the search for truth in religion separates us according to our various stages of development. Unlike our earlier parents, we are not at all content. The urge for fresh knowledge has become a dominating factor in our lives, and there is such a general want of tolerance for the religious views of others, that we tend to become more and more individualised. And the variations of human temperament and character accumulate, rather than disperse, with the passing of the years.

Yet I should be the last to repudiate this idea of the "Religion of the Future." It voices, on the whole, a commendable hope, even though it may not at present sound practical; and the phrase is such a good one for orators and writers that it would be a pity if we were to discard it.

It occurs to me that in the shaping of the Future Religion the movement of Modern Spiritualism may play a considerable part. I base this opinion not only on the possibilities of Spiritualism as a contribution to religious belief, but upon the fact that the subject is attracting the interest of modern youth. The Lyceum movement which was originated, no doubt, with the intention of fostering youthful interest in the issues of Modern Spiritualism, provides us with one aspect of this growing enthusiasm. A group of young Spiritualist propagandists who are touring the country under the leadership of Mr. Denis Conan Doyle is another.

These young men and women who are exhibiting such an interest in the work of Spiritualism will one day grow up to the full stature of adulthood. We are talking about the Future again: and they will carry their Spiritualism with them as they advance forward to meet it. It were well if we could say of every religious organisation that it claimed the attention of young men and women, but generally speaking, youth is loth to make much ado of religion. It is only when years have gathered, and the infirmities which are a complement to advancing age have led to a slowing-down of the mental processes, that men usually become conscious of their sinful lot and consider it propitious to set about pre-

paring for their future welfare. In the things of this world, youth has certainly an advantage of old age. The young man sees with clear sight when the eyes of the old are shaded and dim; his hearing is much more acute; his reasoning faculties, his general mental equipment are more sensitive. But he suffers one disadvantage: he has to gather the experience which the old have already accumulated, and experience counts for much in this life.

A Spiritualist paper recently published a plea that "youth should be given more encouragement in investigating Spiritualism." In substance the article—an anonymous one—asked that young speakers should be given special opportunities, young writers special consideration, young investigators special privileges, and much more in the same strain. With the tenor of such platitudes, I heartily disagree. But in time one becomes used to them and ceases almost to take any notice of them. For they are seasonal outbursts: that is to say, they occur every time a few young folk put their heads together, and begin to weave plans which will change the thought of the world. It is good that they should put their heads together, good that they should formulate progressive schemes: but that, in itself, is not enough. It is good that in the effort to give those schemes a practical expression they should meet barriers and obstacles and general discouragements. Were it otherwise, the unconquered regions of the New World would cease to have any fascination to young explorers, simply because the effort would have gone out of existence; and nothing real is ever attained, nothing gained is ever valued, unless effort is expended in the process of its realisation.

We are all acquainted with the pessimistic young man who has thought something original and voiced it to his friends; then finding that human society is not prepared to bow before him or suddenly to espouse his plan and turn it into an actual accomplishment, he loses his faith in human nature and is even dissatisfied with himself. Well might he be so. Those older "leaders" who head the numerous professions may now seem to have approached the quietude of their years. Would you ask of them that having expended all their energies in winning the prize, they cease to enjoy the satisfactions rising out of it? Let them retain their positions, by all means, until some younger folk seriously dispute their Rights. It is the way of life, dear reader, it is the ordered form of existence, that men must fight for their objectives. The stars did not fall from heaven into the laboratory of the astronomer. Such little knowledge of their nature as he has gathered is the result of years and years of work and effort. In discovering and assembling that knowledge he has derived pleasure; and he has all the while been learning the difficult business of living, which is more important still.

So we come back to the Future Religion. Will it be a religion for youth? Assuredly! Youth will doubtless derive some pleasure and profit from it; but the old men will lead it, and deservedly so, until they die and other old men succeed them. Youth does not need to be given a chance; nor should the way be made clear before it. We must not rob it of the valuable experiences which it can only learn once. It must make its own opportunities, and assert its own manhood. There is no other way.

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SPIRITUALISM AND THE NEW WORLD. VI.

YOUTH LOOKS AT LIFE.

By RONALD McCORQUODALE.

As a mere youth I wish to record my impressions of life. I am asking myself the question: "What is the meaning and purpose of existence?" That problem has exercised the minds of the world's classical thinkers. In the sixth century B.C. I find that Socrates, Plato and Aristotle were asking [the question that now puzzles me: "What is the meaning of it all?" We of the younger generation are not interested in antiquated theories about life; metaphysical speculation is too abstract. We are intensely interested in life itself. Life is to me a great adventure, full of hopes and possibilities. I regard earth life as an opportunity for friendship and as an educative experience of trial and conflict, its aim being to develop character. It takes some faith to believe that we have a place and significance in the scheme of things; but what is life without faith? The problem of existence perplexes me and I find myself asking the eternal questions: Whence? Why? Whither? Youth demands a practical philosophy of life. We are tired of ancient authorities and book-worm philosophers. We want a modern approach to life and its problems that will give us practical guidance in a changing world. I do not think that my generation recognizes the authority of any church, bible or person. We are tired of dogmas and creeds and have no room for doctrinal theology.

We see a world in which chaos abounds. Life seems so pregnant with meaning and purpose, and yet so barren. The quest for satisfaction and happiness seems to many of us futile. We find ourselves in a world of disillusion. The present elder generation has failed to make existence the lovely thing it ought to be. The younger generation to which I belong is dissatisfied with the existing social and economic order of society; we are trying to clear up the mess which has been made of the world. We visualize a new age in which life will be fuller and happier than we find it to-day. Life itself we believe to be purposive, but our economic arrangement of life is not. The world seems to us so badly organized, and offers youth of to-day so few opportunities of making progress. Fundamentally we are rebels against the existing social order of life.

Why should poverty exist in a world of plenty? Science has given man power hitherto undreamt of over nature, and yet we are not reaping the full benefit. There must be a planned production and distribution of commodities for the common good. We see a new age emerging out of this changing world of chaos. There are hopeful signs around us that give us confidence. In that new world of which we dream there will be a new set of values; money will not be the ~~rule~~ are of things as we see it to-day. The present age is too materialistic and the finer things of life seem overshadowed by false values; we do not think that life is as beautiful and productive of good as it might be. If half the energy spent on building up bank balances was spent on building up character, what a revolution there would be!

Love is the basis of practical religion, and, as Henry Drummond says: "The greatest thing in the world."

Love of neighbour would banish the narrow nationalistic outlook that dominates the world to-day. We want peace and goodwill; there must be no more war. We want good government that will foster human fellowship and advancement. There should be no economic barriers between nations. What is needed to-day is the international outlook. We must, by common action, plan or perish.

The youth of to-day are facing these hard realities of life. We are sick of the eternal masquerade existing at present. Give the young men a chance and they will make life what it should be. We are the children of a new age with new ideas. The world has been left too long in the hands of experts grown 'old in maturity and wisdom.' We have lost faith in all experts; they have too often failed us. The world needs youth, courage, initiative and enterprise. We should be more satisfied with life to-day if we were given a chance to express ourselves. We are not given that chance. My generation is imbued with new ideas which, if expressed, would revitalise and transform our social, economic and religious life. Let it be understood that we are thanking our elders for their labours of the past, but in doing so we visualise a more glorious future.

We may make mistakes in our building of that new world, but at least we aim at a fuller life than exists to-day. I do not think my generation is perfect, nor do I wish to suggest that the labours of our fathers has been useless. We owe a debt to the past. We have inherited an age of great achievements, in science, in art and in literature; but has all this achievement resulted in a happier life for mankind? We need only listen to the demand of modern life itself to answer that question. Mankind has not learned to use and apply the power it possesses for the common good. How full of joy and beauty life would be if we could only learn the art of living! The primary necessity to-day is to harness the power that science has placed at our disposal and use it for the social good of the whole. Social inequality and injustice must disappear. Out of our discontent may be born that ideal city of our dreams. At any rate we are thinking for ourselves and are aiming at a new economic and social order of life.

Existence is of surpassing beauty and life is what we make it. In the pursuit of truth, beauty and goodness we gradually realize the meaning and significance of life. We realize the essential goodness of existence and the intelligibility of the universe in which we find ourselves. "Life is real, life is earnest and the grave is not its goal"—so sang one of our great poets. We are significant units in a higher scheme of things and the stage is eternity itself.

Such is our outlook on life. We challenge the accepted order of things based on antiquated concepts and values. We offer new worlds for old. The future has for us great hopes and tremendous possibilities. We have mounted the Hill of Vision and seen life more abundantly. Inspired by a larger vision we look for the dawn of that new era.

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THE SANITY OF SIMPLICITY.

THIS is more or less a twilight reverie. As I sit here gazing at the dancing flames, bathed in the soft shadows that herald the falling night, a strange wonderment stirs within me at the sense of tranquility that pulses through my being as I quietly accept the simple joy that comes out of the "everywhere" into the "here" at this moment of time which breathes the atmosphere of eternity itself.

I seem to have escaped for a little while from all the complexity, from all the jarring monotones of sound, from all the chaos and confusion which shrieks at me day after day in the hurly-burly we call modern civilisation. While I am well aware of the advantages that have accrued from man's mastery of natural forces, and while I am fully conscious of the debt we owe to the inventive genius of the individuals who have bequeathed to us the marvellous legacy of modern science, yet at the same time I am led to ask myself "Has it all been worth while?"

The things we value most in life are the simple joys that bring with them a sense of sanctuary, that create a place of refuge where the soul may drink deeply of the well-springs of ecstasy revelling in the glory of life. Personally, I measure my success or failure in my life by my capacity for friendliness. The lovely things, the things that give a lasting beauty to my days, are certainly not worldly wealth, although I am not so foolish as to deny the material advantages that economic security brings in its train, but are rather those hours I have spent with my fellows, in which we have intimately shared life together. And in this hour in the firelight feeling as I do my kinship with all creation, knowing as I have never known before what one of the great mystics meant when he said "Consider the lilies of the field, they toil not neither do they spin, yet I say that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like unto one of these, "I realise that this man had reached a new level of understanding after which most of us are striving. He had come to a sense of his wholeness with

the created scheme. In him had been born an intimacy, a Simple Union with the Cosmos, that had resolved its chaotic discords into universal harmony.

D. H. Lawrence, probably more than any of our modern writers, has tried to revitalise us into an appreciation of the utter simplicity that is essential to a full acceptance of life. There is a sublime majesty in his challenge, "Why don't you leave off your old white festerings in silence and let the light fall over your mind and heal you?" So many of us have become enslaved in the meshes of our intellect and have sold our spiritual birthright for the mess of pottage of intellectual understanding rather than a reverent appreciation of life. We have continually questioned everything and ended by really answering nothing, and in the vortex of our own perplexities we have grown cynical and disillusioned because we have torn out the roots of our life from their parent . . . Mother Earth. To-day what most of us desire more than aught else is to be able to return to the simple sanity we left behind us in our childhood. We have learned so much about the stars that we have lost the loveliness of their light. We have dissected and analysed out the moon until its cold whiteness has ceased to be a lantern illuminating the pathway of the lonely traveller as he wanders through the darkness. The pagans knew and understood as we moderns cannot understand, because we are moderns. They were the kindred of common dust and in their worship of nature they had a reverence for life that is sadly lacking today. Even Christianity, incorporating, as it does, the myths and legends of older civilisations and earlier cultures, still retains as its central motif the mystic symbolism of crucifixion and resurrection, the greatest truth of and for all time, for it is only as we die and are born again that we can come to this deeper understanding of life that will give us back once more a sense of our living wholeness, a sense of our universal kinship, a sense of our fellowship with all that has been created.

What is this death of which we speak? It is the self-slaying of all our prejudices that tend to drive us asunder. It is the crucifixion of all our limitations in order that we may become conscious of the wider horizon of that universalism which should dominate our lives. And what is this re-birth? It is a conscious association of ourselves with the rising tide of humanism, with the growing sense of internationalism, with the greater vision of world brotherhood, as slowly but surely it penetrates the mists that surround us as it shines out like a beacon on the borderland of a New World.

We may keep the law as did the wise young ruler, but to us as to him, the essential challenge will be "Ye must be born again," and until we have cut ourselves entirely adrift from all ideas imposed upon us from without, and found the One Ideal of our Unity with all that is, we may shout "Brotherhood! Brotherhood!" until we are hoarse, but will achieve little or nothing.

EDITOR.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD

MOTTO: "We Live
to Learn and
Learn to Live."

AIMS:—(1) To be progressive.
(2) To develop ourselves.

Dear Guildites,

Last month I was hoping and hoping that our total would reach 100 before the year end, and then, on Dec. 30th, Mrs. L. E. Singleton (who had helped Nellie Kitson in her Guild work) and her son Ronald became members. Thank you both for helping me to realise my hopes. This year, up to the date of my writing, Jan. 18th, we have seven new members.

101. E. D. SPENCER, Daulby Hall.
102. J. LE NOURY, Attercliffe.
103. J. NORBURY, Maskell Street, Manchester.
104. R. SHUTTLEWORTH, Darwen.
105. H. WILLIAMS, Warrington.
106. E. HIGHAM, Warrington.
107. E. SMITH, Elland.

Now, for the first time, I will give you a summary of Lyceums, with number of Guild members.

- 25 Rotherham.
- 13 Alma Street, Halifax.
- 9 Middlesbrough.
- 7 Daulby Hall, and Wolverhampton.
- 5 Barrow-in-Furness and Warrington.
- 3 Collyhurst.
- 2 Newton Heath, Doncaster, Peckham, Blackburn, Armley, Harpurhey, Bacup, Wimbledon.
- 1 Stratford, Birkenhead, Redcar, Nelson, Calgary, Beeston, Bowes Park, Darwen, Attercliffe, Elland.
- 6 Honorary members.

This will show you that 26 Lyceums are really and truly interested in Our Guild, its aims and ideals. What about the other Lyceums not included in the list? Does it mean that you object to Our Guild, or that you are just merely apathetic, and that there is no one sufficiently interested to write to me on your behalf? If you object to Our Guild, don't be afraid to write and say so, giving your objections and the reasons for the same. Then, perhaps, we shall be able to reach an understanding. Anyhow, my aim is *at least one* Guild member from *every* Lyceum in the Union, and I depend upon you all to help me.

Finances.

Since writing my last article I have received from Mr. Aked 2s., A Friend 6d., Mr. C. W. Dixon 2s. 6d., Mrs. Singleton 1s. 3d., Miss Irons 2s. 6d., Mr. Norbury 1s. 6d.; total 10s. 3d., and this, with 9s. fees, leaves £1 10s. 7½d. still to be paid. Thanks to all of you for your help, and especially to those who have remembered Our Guild for the second and third times.

We are plodding steadily along, and I am still confident that before the year is much older Our Guild will be flourishing financially.

Our First Competition.

The closing date is not yet to hand, and so you will hear later what I think about you in that respect. Look out for results in March BANNER.

Correspondence.

In reply to suggestions put before you last month I have heard from one Guildite who wishes to correspond with another Guild member, Junior or Senior. If anyone also would like to correspond in Spanish I can give the name of a Guild member who wishes to do that. This, by the way, is a splendid help when learning a language, and is more valuable than book learning only. I speak from experience, for I corresponded regularly with a French girl, beginning in 1912 and only ending last year, when she passed away; and now her mother has taken her place. So, if you are learning Spanish don't be afraid to correspond in the language, for once you have overcome your fears you will find you will be amply repaid.

I have also received the name of the first invalid Lyceumist, who wishes to be on our Special Guild List. Is there any Guild member who will offer to write to this young lady (18 years old) say, once a fortnight? Who will be the first to let me know? Thank you.

I have not heard from any of you others on these matters, but I am expecting to do so, as I don't think you realise how early in the month my article has to be written.

To All Members.

Please remember that I am, at all times, interested in you and your work in your various Lyceums, and am always pleased to hear from you. So don't be afraid of writing, thinking that you will cause me added work—that is my job, and, moreover, work I love doing.

Mr. Robb, of Birkenhead, has sent me a copy of the News Sheet of the Old Fircrofters' Guild, of which he is a member. A news sheet is issued by the Secretary twice a year to all members, and contains items of general interest about individual members. This is a very good idea for Our Guild, BUT I must receive the news before I can pass it on. Thank you, Mr. Robb.

To Some Members.

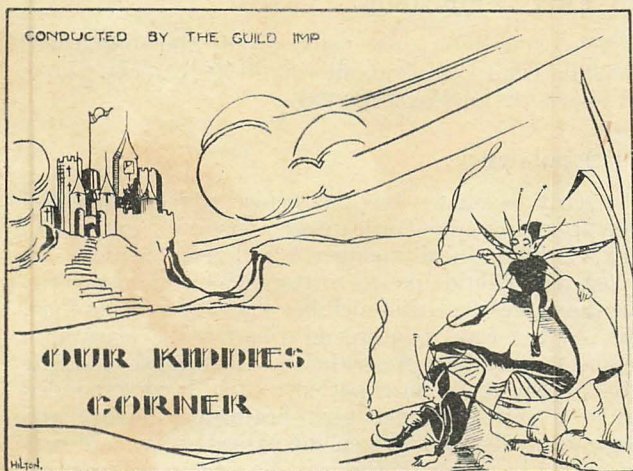
Sincere thanks to all of you who were prompted to send your Guild Leader a cheery message for Christmas and the New Year. These tokens of your thoughts and goodwill will ever be treasured. As I write I am surrounded by signs of Good Luck (provided by you)—black cats, horse-shoe, four-leaved clover, and white heather—these cannot fail to bring us prosperity. There are also Golden Thoughts for every day, and a lovely windmill (carrying many signatures) to blow my cares away.

My thanks to each one of you—may you experience the joy and happiness that you sent to me, your

Guild Leader,

G. M. HALLIDAY.

28, Moorlands Place,
Free School Lane,
Halifax.



Dear Little Imps,

Mr. Editor and I have a surprise for you. Here is a new picture, and next month we are to have still another. Then, with our old one, the three pictures will play at Mr. Turnabout, at appearing on our page.

Look at these two imps. They must have strolled out of Fairyland, and, as they puff at their pipes, are planning what to do next. Wouldn't you like to peep into their thoughts? I should! They might be like the imps of our story.

A HOLIDAY FOR THE IMPS.

The Queen of Fairyland was very happy, for everything had been just right. Christmas had been a jolly time, Springtime was coming very soon, and all the world seemed cheery. Everybody in Fairyland had been so helpful. The Queen wondered how best to thank her people. Then she laughed at a sudden idea. Fairyland should have a holiday. For one week, all of her people might do whatever they wished, for all of the "Don'ts" would be put away. There would be no work that week. Nothing to do, and all day to do it in! Fairyland rang with cheers, as the Queen told of the holiday.

Winkle and Twinkle, the jolliest imps in Fairyland, were chums. They were always together, always busy and happy, and no-one ever saw them with their mouth corners turned down. With their curly pointed shoes, the fire wings, and their big pipes, they were a quaint couple. If they were not smoking, their pipes were fastened across their backs, but Winkle and Twinkle always carried those pipes—no matter where they went.

When they heard of the holiday, Winkle looked at Twinkle and said, "Where shall we go? We don't want to stay with the crowd." "That's true!" agreed Twinkle. "I know! Let us visit the Evergreen Hills, by the Everblue Sea, and stay with the Everyday Folks."

Imps never worry about trains. When they want to travel, they shut their eyes, stand on one leg, and wish. Before they have had time to change their minds, they've arrived. Winkle and Twinkle very soon found themselves standing at the foot of the Evergreen Hills, by the Everblue Sea. Very soon, they saw some of the Everyday Folks.

Now, no imp had ever before set foot in that land,

and so the Everyday Folks stared at the two quaint little fellows. The imps stared back, for they had never seen anybody so serious as these Everyday Folks. Every single one had a mouth whose corners *turned down*. This would never do! The Evergreen Hills didn't promise a very jolly holiday at all. Winkle and Twinkle just sat down on the grass, started to smoke their pipes, and talked, with their thoughts, so that none of these sad-looking people might hear what was said. Thought Winkle, "What can we do, Twinkle. I'd no idea people could look so sad." "No," answered Twinkle. "But we must do something. We can't leave people whose mouths turn down at the corners. We must find out the reasons for such sadness."

The imps were not long in finding out why the Everyday Folks never smiled! They were all trying to be lucky. It happened this way. In the Evergreen Hills there was a fairy glen. Each evening in that glen the sunbeams danced with the moonbeams, and, where their feet touched the grass, just one moonstone might be found. The finder of that moonstone grew rich, and all of the Everyday Folks wanted to be rich. That hunting for the moonstone worried them so much that they hadn't time for smiles. No wonder the dream boats on the Everblue Sea were almost always empty.

As soon as Winkle and Twinkle understood this, they made up their minds that they would bring smiles to these people before the end of their holiday sent them home to Fairyland.

For a time they could not find that wonder glen. None of the Everyday Folks would tell them. They didn't wish any strangers to find their treasures. Then a little blue bird whispered to the Imps, and told them to follow the crowd at sunset that evening. Winkle and Twinkle hid in a nest in a tree, and, sure enough, at sunset, they found the Everyday Folks hurrying up the hillside. The imps followed, and reached the glen, just as the red sun was setting behind the Everblue Sea. In the glen there was an angry scramble as the people pushed and jostled in their search for the moonstone. Winkle and Twinkle were too quick for the others, and soon Twinkle held in his hand the lovely gem.

The Everyday Folks looked so sullen when they found that one of the strangers had been the lucky one. Then they had such a surprise, for, after a little whispering the imps called out, "Who wants to be rich? We don't! Catch!" and Twinkle threw the moonstone up into the air. Above their heads the stone broke into a thousand shining pieces—and each one of the Everyday Folks caught a tiny moonstone in their outstretched hands.

The imps laughed with joy as they saw the corners of every mouth slowly turn upwards, and, for the first time for many years, Everyday Folks smiled. "That's right!" cried the Imps. "Keep on sharing your treasures, and you'll keep on smiling." The stores you have gathered will make you happy, only if you learn how to share with each other." Sharing became the new game for the Everyday Folks, and before Winkle and Twinkle returned to Fairyland, they had made quite sure that smiles were making all the mouths there have turned up corners.

Now look in the glass, Imp. Are you sharing—and smiling?

Here's my love—share that!

MEG.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

In the first place this month, I want to thank all who sent Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I, Xmas and New Year Cards, in December.

We appreciate your kind thoughts concerning us and the humble work we are endeavouring to do.

Your letters came from North, South, East and West, posted on the previous day to which we received them, and yet we gave very little thought to the fact of their speedy transit. We just accepted it as a matter of fact.

Then I have just received a letter inviting me to Manchester on council business. Ah, what a long, long, way it is from London, it must take a long time to get there.

I am surprised when I turn up my railway time table to find I can have my dinner in London and be in Manchester in time for tea, wonderful!

Let us compare this journey with one of about the same distance taken two hundred and fifty four years ago. This is what the original advertisement said. "A stage coach to York in four days, begins on Monday the 18th of March 1678."

All that are desirous to pass from London to York or return from York to London, or any other place on the Road, let them repair to the Black Swan, Holborn in London and the Black Swan in Cony Street in York. Coach every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, which performs the whole journey in four days (if God permit) and sets forth by six in the morning."

Yes travel to-day is truly wonderful when we consider what changes have and are taking place year by year for our comfort.

I have given you this illustration because I want to direct your attention to the part each one of you play in the progress of your Lyceum, and how valuable each one of you boys and girls are to the movement. I want us to imagine ourselves just taking one of these four day trips. I fancy I can hear some of you saying, "Oh dear I've got pins and needles in my legs, by sitting still too long."

Evidently here is a complaint which needs attention, and the best cure is to become active and energetic and wake our ideas up, this is the first step to progress.

The realisation that we have been sitting idle too long.

A story is also told of a pin and needle having a quarrel in a work basket because they were both lying there idle.

The pin asked the needle what good he thought he was, and how he would get through the world without a head.

The needle being ruffled quickly retorted what's the use of a head without an eye.

The pin not to be done enquired what use the eye was if there was always something in it.

To which the needle replied that he could go through more work than he could.

To this remark the pin made a claim that the needle would not live long because he always had a stitch in his side.

At this stage a little girl came in, picking them both up in her fingers said "Ah just the two little workers I am looking for."

Taking a piece of linen she fastened the pin into it saying "I want you to hold that in place for me while our friend the needle will fix it for me with a tight stitch."

The pin and the needle looked at each other and wondered what they had been quarrelling about.

We have each a part to play in the progress of life. You are just starting a New Year in your Lyceum. It may be you have been elected to the office of Captain of the Guard, a Guard, Librarian, Pianist, Leader of Calisthenics or such office. Like the pin and needle, each of you are just as important as each other, and it is up to you to endeavour to create progress by increasing your membership and making all happy and comfortable. Just because last year it took twelve months to increase the membership by four it is no reason why the same number should not be reached this year in four hours.

What the coach did in four days can now be done by rail in four hours, so I am sure you will not get pins and needles in your life this year through sitting still too long.

No, you will just get going with the times and speed things up.

Bees as you know are great workers, and here is a little story about a Bee-hive. This has been given to me by a friend and comes from the Spirit World.

"I am putting a beehive before you and the bees within have no sting. They are coming out one by one. I want you to catch them as they come for they possess great power. Some of their names are as follows:— **Be kind, Be gentle, Be loving, Be sympathetic, Be good, Be just, Be true;** and so you see these Bees are worth possessing, do not miss the opportunity but catch all you can."

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 191.

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PUZZLE NO. 192—Lyceum Song Titles (Muddled).

1. INDAARGU EGSLNA.
2. NNUYS ADYS.
3. NAELG RAEC.
4. LLRAOF YDNASU.
5. KLGNIPI SRA TRAEW.
6. LWRFOES RTEAH.

This month I am looking forward to some interesting letters from you, telling me all about your Lyceum Party, about the new class you have gone into at school, how you like your new teacher and the new lessons you are having. How you are getting on at your Lyceum, or if you have gone into the mills or an office. I shall be interested to know what you are doing. Then try and solve the Puzzle and send along your replies.

With love,

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

Your loving friend,
UNCLE BERT.

THE THINGS WE HEAR.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT L.D.C.

Local Lyceumists and friends will be pleased to know of the engagement of Miss R. E. Spence, of Charnwood Street Lyceum, Derby, and Mr. L. Johnson, of Sherwood Street Lyceum, Nottingham. Miss Spence has held the office of Assistant Conductor in the past. The wedding will take place on Feb. 22nd, 1933, 2 p.m., Lenton Church, Nottingham, followed by a reception at the Milton Cafe, when we are hoping to have a goodly gathering of Lyceumists to wish them success in their journey together.

We are also hoping to have a visit from Mr. Hannen Swaffer, Mr. Maurice Barbanell, and our Secretary, Mr. J. Norbury, during this month (February), particulars of which will be sent to all Churches and Lyceums in the district.

P. FARNATH, Hon. Sec.

LONDON L.D.C.

The Athletic Club held their Annual New Year's Eve Carnival Dance at the Hopex Restaurant. Mr. Albert E. Fruin, President of the Club, acted as M.C., while Mr. S. Calway (Secretary), in his usual energetic way, worked hard to make the evening, a merry one. The event was a social success, but, owing to the many local events, a slight financial loss.

On Jan. 1st the President and Officers conducted the Anniversary Services at Bowes Park. Jan. 8th, Officers, assisted by members of the Eltham Lyceum, opened a new Lyceum at Bromley, assisted by members from Eltham and Peckham Lyceums. Jan. 15th, the President and Officers conducted the Hampton Wick Anniversary Services.

In addition to the above events a large number of New Year's Parties have been attended by Council officers. P.M.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD L.D.C.

The next meeting will be held at Sowerby Bridge, on Feb. 12th, at 10-30 a.m. Delegates are required all day.

Nominations for Officers.

President—Mr. Baxter, Mr. Ellis.
Vice-President—Mr. Ellis, Miss Haigh, Mr. Baxter.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss G. Halliday.
D.V.—Mr. E. Smith.
Auditor—Mr. E. Smith.
Delegate—Secretary.
Please turn up in good numbers.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

WELL DONE HEATON.

It was a gratifying feature that the Lyceum was able to hand over to the Church the sum of £12 19s. 6d. to support the efforts of the church to pay for the building we are all so proud of. The total income was £48 4s. 2½d. and the total expenditure £43 4s. 2½d., leaving us a balance of £5 os. od. to begin the year with. £58 had been saved through the bank attached to Lyceum, which was distributed at the end of the year to the subscribers.

The Lyceum presented the Church with an Officers' Manual for the use of speakers.

M. WARDLE, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 1933, at Theaker Lane, Armley, Leeds, at 3-30 p.m. Agenda: Opening Exercise, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence, Roll Call, Reports: D.V.'s., I.D.C., Field Day, Secretary's, Treasurer's, Auditors', Silver Bell Progress Scheme, Associates. Election: Officers, Delegates, B.S.L.U., U.D.C., L.D.C. Nominations: B.S.L.U. Area Representative recommendations. Amendments to Constitution, etc, Open Council, Vote of Thanks to Local Friends, Date and Place of next Conference, Education Scheme.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

AROUND OUR LYCEUMS.

Copy for these columns must be received at the office by first post on the 20th of each month, recording events after the 20th of the preceding month. Lyceums taking 12 copies, 25 words; 24 copies, 50 words; 36 copies, 75 words. Additional copy 6d. per nine words.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—Open Session, Jan. 8th. Conductor, Miss Tabiner. Recitations, G. Woodhead, B. Bartlett, E. Bartlett, J. Tipping, N. Woodhead, K. Nuttal, D. Edmonds. Solos, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Higson.—J. Jameson, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—Open Session, Jan. 1st. Conductor, Mr. Fazakerly. A very happy time was spent. Naming ceremony by Miss Janey Kenneford, on Nov. 18th, of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swift, earthly name, John Victor, spirit name, "Conqueror."—Mrs. Crabtree, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session, Jan. 1st. Conductor, Mrs. Carter. Pearls, John Aspinall, Joan Patchett, Mr. Halsall. Solos, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Shaw. Duet, Nelly Taylor, Alice Wright; Mrs. Carter, Harry Salts; Mr. A. Harriss, Miss G. M. Holmes. Trio, Lillian Ashcroft, Alice Ashworth, Joan Patchett.—S. Carter, A.N.S.C., Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Jan. 1st, Open Session. Conductor, Mr. Thompson. Individual efforts by Betty and Earna Saunders Florrie, Muriel and Gwennie Watson, Mrs. Harper, Mr. Taylor, Gertie Watson, Miss Thompson, Eileen Edwards, Miss Hollingworth, Mr. Whiteley, Ernest Kneale, Albert Thompson.

Jan. 8th, Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. R. Robb; Assist., Mr. Taylor; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Kneale; Assist., Albert Thompson; Treasurer, Mr. Edwards; Musical Conductor, Mr. Whiteley; Assist., Miss Thompson, A.N.S.C.; Marching Conductor, Mr. Thompson; Callisthenics Leader, Mr. Taylor; Guardian, Mrs. Harper; Liberty Group Leader, Mr. Thompson; Group Leaders, No. 1, Mr. Taylor; No. 2, Mrs. Harding; No. 3, Mrs. Harper; Captain of Guards, Mr. Kneale; Guards, Millie Kneale, Lorna Dearlove, Mona Saunders, Wm. Barry, Leslie Hamilton, Sam Lewis.—Wm. Kneale, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On Dec. 25th Open Session. There were about 120 present. The following gave recitations, Edith Fish, Mr. E. Pickup, Mr. T. Powell. Dec. 26th, Annual Xmas Tea Party and Prize Distribution. 200 sat down to tea, followed by a concert, given by the Lyceumists. Prizes were distributed by our Conductor, Mr. J. N. Railton.—T. Wood, Hon. Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—Open Session, Jan. 1st. Speaker, Mrs. Haythornwaite, Nelson. Songs, recitations, by Ethel Kershaw, Margaret James, Peggy Schofield, Harold Kershaw, Mr. Sharples. A happy time was spent.—E. Miller, Sec.

BURY.—Dec. 31st, Tea Party and Prize Distribution was enjoyed by all. Oranges, apples and sweets were distributed.

Jan. 1st, Open Sessions. Conductor, Miss Dean. Individual items by Lyceumists were well rendered. Greetings exchanged with visitors.—N. Dean, Sec.

DARWEN.—Jan. 1st, Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. Sutton; Assist. Conductor, Miss Walker, Mr. Singleton; Guardians, Mrs. Singleton, Miss Morris, Miss Stopforth; Callisthenics Leaders, Miss Brocklebank, Miss Whittaker, Mr. Smearden; Secretary, Miss Coghlan; Treasurer, Mr. Coghlan; Flower Guild, Miss M. Jenkinson; Librarian, Mr. Shuttleworth.—J. Blackledge, BANNER Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, Jan. 1st, conducted by Mr. Horsley. Connective readings by Frances Newton, Mrs. Hartley and Mr. Horsley. Pearls by H. Horsley (5), J. Wilson, E. Maun, Mrs. Horsley, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Ellison, Mr. Brooke (2), Mrs. Hutton, Mr. Horsley, Mrs. Walker, F. Newton, Solo by H. Horsley. Quartet by Mr. and Mrs. Horsley and Mr. and Mrs. Hartley. Questions on the readings were discussed in the groups.—(Miss) M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DEWSBURY, Wellington Road.—Election of Officers. Conductors, Mr. E. Wilson, Miss A. Bentley, Mr. J. Whittles. Student Conductors, Walter Oakes, James Badley, Phylis Dunn. Secretary, Victor Hartley; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Oakes; Drill Instructor, Mr. H. Gregory; Delegate, Mr. E. Wilson; Guards, Capt., William Johnson, Lillie Whightman, Gladys Townend; Leaders of Marching, Margaret Greenwood, Ettie Day, Fred Johnson, Clarissa Phillips; Registrars, Florence Phillips, Elsie Roebuck; Auditors, Mr. J. Whittles, Mr. E. Wilson; Teachers, Annie Hollings, Mr. J. Whittles, Mr. H. Gregory, Laura Shaw; Guardian, Mr. E. Wilson. Thanks to all retiring officers. We were pleased to see Mr. H. Gregory.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Jan. 1st, Open Session. Songs and recitations by M. Sheffield, E. Greenhalgh, E. Hancock, I. Cryer and E. Cryer, J. Hancock, D. Lea and Mary Lea, C. Eaton, R. Hancock and K. Hancock, D. Clough, W. Hancock, George Morby, T. Hancock, O. Wilkins, E. Fox, N. Hodkinson and K. Hodkinson, A. Dickinson, F. Clarke, D. Eaton.—A. G. Morby, Sec.

HR. BROUGHTON.—A Poor Children's Party was given by the above Lyceum on Jan. 7th, 1933, at which about 50 children were present. If the cheerful noise made by the children and their reluctance to leave at the end were anything to judge by, then the affair was indeed a success. Tea was at 5 o'clock and the evening's programme consisted of community songs, games, individual songs and recitations. At 8-15, Father Christmas dropped in and distributed presents all round, even to the grown-ups. As he entered, lights were turned off, and a great Xmas tree, on which were hung the presents, was lit up by coloured fairy lights. Sincere thanks are due to those who helped to make the effort so great a success.

HYDE, George Street.—Xmas Eve, visit from Father Christmas. Each Lyceumist up to the age of 14 received a present. An operetta, entitled "The Fairy Chain," was played by our juvenile Lyceumists. Great credit is due to the Producer, Mrs. Wright, who worked hard to make it successful.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—Dec. 29th, enjoyable Christmas Party. Jan. 1st, Election of Officers. Conductor, Miss Sykes; Assistants, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Firth; Treasurer, Miss Whetstone; Registrars, Misses Southwell, Sykes; Guardian, E. Horner; Guards, L. Horner, N. Sykes; Musical Director, A. Knowles; Delegate, Miss Sykes.—G. Parton, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—Jan. 8th, Open Session. Efforts by Mrs. Manton, Joan Whitbread, Kathleen Crowdell, Lily Jayes, Doris Crowdell, Elsie Garrett, Mr. Jayes, Yvonne Dehoux, Doris Garrett, Mr. Wain, Rosie Newton, Gladys Warrick, Mr. Jayes, Mr. Pickford, Mr. Kenney, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Manton, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Whitbread, Madame Dehoux.—T. Kenney, Sec.

LONDON, Manor Park.—Jan. 14th, Annual Prize Distribution. We had an enjoyable evening, Mr. Yarrow presenting the prizes.—C. A. Trumble, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—Jan. 7th we held our Annual Lyceum Tea and Party, and on Jan. 15th our Conductor presented the Lyceum prizes.—Marian Yates, Session Sec.

MANCHESTER, Droylsden, Durham Street.—Jan. 8th, naming ceremony, conducted by Mrs. Baxtrem (Auntie Chrissie) of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, who named her Constance Brenda, spirit name, "Peace." The ceremony was an impressive one and enjoyed by all.—J. G.

MANCHESTER, Longsight.—Jan. 1st, Naming Ceremony. Mr. J. Bell, D.N.U., named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson Elsie Ethel, spirit name, "Rosebud." Election of Officers. Conductor, Miss G. Entwistle; Secretary, Mrs. Wood; Treasurer, Mr. Entwistle; Guardian, George Langford; Musical Director, Mr. C. Hays; Guards, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Beeston; Leaders, Olive Reid, Cynthia Hewson, Roy Hewson, James Wood; Librarian, Mr. W. Krumreen; Marching Conductor, Mr. L. Hibbert; Callisthenics Conductor, Miss Entwistle; Assist., Miss P. Savage; Assist. Musical Conductor, Roy Hewson; Group Leaders, Mrs. Reid, Mr. Beeston, Mr. E. Hart; Chairman of Liberty Group, Mr. Entwistle; Auditors, Mr. Hart, Mr. Krumreen; Delegates, Miss and Mr. Entwistle; E.C. Members, Mr. L. Hibbert, Mr. H. Beeston.—G. Entwistle, Con.

MANCHESTER, Maskell Street.—Annual Party, Jan. 7th. The prizes were presented by our Conductor, Mr. A. Henshaw. Mr. J. Norbury spoke on "What of the Future." Our children entertained us, under the tuition of Mr. J. Swindells. The elder Lyceumists presented a sketch, "Uncle Joseph."

Jan. 9th, A.G.M. Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. A. Henshaw; Treasurer, Miss C. Copeland; Secretary, Mr. S. Sharp; Asst. Conductor, Miss M. Bell; Guardian, Mr. R. Frost; Musical Conductor, Miss H. Pinson; Asst. Musical Conductor, Master R. Hart; Marching Conductor, Mr. T. Cross; Asst. Marching Conductor, Mr. R. Skelton; Marching Leaders, Miss E. Bell, Mr. R. Frost; Callisthenics Leader, Miss E. Jackson; Asst., Miss M. Hart; Librarians, Miss D. Sharp, Master B. Sharp; Auditors, Mr. J. Bell, Mr. H. Ball; Delegates to Council, Mr. A. Henshaw, Mr. S. Sharp; Conference Delegate, Mr. A. Henshaw; Group Leader, Mr. A. Henshaw.—S. Sharp, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution, New Year's Day. Session conducted by Miss D. Cartwright, A.N.S.C. A feature of the prize distribution was the gift by Mr. Howard of a number of books for presentation to the Officers and Leaders.—Edith Pierson.

MORECAMBE, West End Road.—Jan. 8th, Election of Officers. Conductors, W. H. Moores, Mr. E. Bottomley, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Eyre; Musical Conductor, Mr. Smith; Assistant Conductor, Miss R. Crowther; Guardian, Mr. Ditchfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Eyre; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Moores.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—We held our A.G.M. Jan. 8th. Election of Officers. Conductor and Musical Conductor, Mr. W. Gair; Assist. Conductors, G. E. Shadforth and R. S. Gregson; Secretary, Miss M. Wardle; Organist, Miss M. Kidd; Assist., G. E. Shadforth; Treasurer and Bank Secretary, G. E. Shadforth; Guardian and Callisthenic Conductor, Mrs. Wheelan; Captain of Guards, Thos. Fenwick; Guards, Mr. Wheelan, R. S. Gregson, A. A. Craggs, F. Barker, E. Gregson, Mr. Crocker; Delegates to T.L.D.C., Miss Wardle, Hon. Sec.; Delegates to Church, Conductor and Secretary.—M. Wardle, Sec.

ROTHERHAM.—200 people entertained at Xmas Party. After tea, "Father Xmas" distributed toys from Xmas tree. A humorous sketch, games and dancing, etc., followed.—A. Bruce, G.N.S.C.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—Open Session, Jan. 1st. The children responded with recitations and pearls. At 6-30 p.m. the children assisted in a beautiful ceremony, when Mr. Simmonds named a new Lyceumist, Donald Leigh.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

PRESTON, Tenterfield Street.—New Year's Day, Open Session. Master Culling, pianoforte solo; Messrs. C. Brierley and A. Peters, violin and guitar duet; D. Rae and C. Curtis, vocal duet.—Evelyn Curtis, late Sec.

RYDE, Belvedere Hall.—Jan. 1st, Open Session. Good efforts by Junior Lyceumists. The chief event was a naming ceremony, when the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lang was given the name of Thomas Frederick Lang, spirit name "Stedfast."—Mrs. Hole, Sec.

RYDE, Newport Street.—Jan. 15th, Anniversary. Mrs. Taylor, President, S.L.D.C., presented prizes to Lyceumists for good attendance. A young Lyceumist presented Mrs. Taylor with a bouquet. Solos, recitations, song choruses and pearls by children and adults. Fraternal greetings given by Mrs. Carter, Southampton; Miss Hayward, Portsmouth; Mrs. Taylor, Lyceum Council. Our Secretary, Mrs. Oak, responded.

Jan. 16th, Anniversary Tea at Southlands Hall. Invitations were given to a few poor children. About 40 sat down to tea. All took part in games, competitions, etc., and every child received a present from the Xmas Tree.—E. Oak, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—On Boxing Day we had our Annual Effort. Each child received toys, sweets, nuts and orange, and a good tea was provided. Games followed. All was greatly appreciated.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Woodseats.—Jan. 1st, Open Session. Conductor, Mr. Romanes. Pearls and recitations were well rendered, making a good start for the New Year.—L. Grant, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Woodseats.—On Sept. 4th Mrs. Sides, of Parkgate, officiated at a naming ceremony, when the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fox was given the earthly name "Terrence," spirit name "Douglas."

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF.—Nov. 17th, Mrs. Tims officiated at a naming ceremony. The spirit name of Leo and Victor were given to the infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Danvers and Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, respectively.

Jan. 4th, Annual Children's Party. After numerous games a large party sat down to tea, which was followed by an impromptu concert given by children of the Lyceum. Father Christmas made his appearance and distributed the presents from the large Christmas Tree, which was kindly loaned by Miss Pilgrim. After clearing the hall, the officers arranged for the evening social, which, with the assistance of the Orchestra and Old Time Dances, proved a great success.—Stanley F. Thompson, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—Open Session, Jan. 1st, conducted by Miss A. Holt. Recitations by Herbert Sutcliffe and Sylvia Rushworth. A reading by Mr. F. Dean. Pearls by Misses A. Holt and N. Hirst. Mr. Will James, of Stockport, speaker for the day, gave a few interesting remarks.

Jan. 4th, Annual Children's Xmas Treat. Competitions, games, conjuring and films were thoroughly enjoyed. A visit from Santa Claus, who presented apples, novelty bags and toys to the children.—Miss F. M. Lees, Sec.

TOTTENHAM, High Road.—Our Annual Prize Distribution was well attended. Uncle Bert presented prizes. Friends from three Lyceums were present.—R. McDowell, Session Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Drummond Street.—Jan. 1st, A.G.M., which was adjourned until Jan. 8th, owing to the passage of time. Miss Collins was the chairman.—Paul Warrilow, Sec.

WREXHAM.—The Lyceum (Spiritualist Sunday School) gave a Christmas entertainment to the Lyceumists and their friends. In the afternoon a lantern lecture was given which was followed by a sumptuous tea. In the evening a concert was arranged by members of the Lyceum and friends. The hall was full and great excitement prevailed when toys were taken from the illuminated Christmas Tree and given to over 50 children.

N.E. LANCASHIRE L.D.C.

The above Council will hold the A.G.M. and Election of Officers on Saturday, Feb. 18th, 1933, in the Church and Lyceum at Vernon Street, Nelson. A good attendance of delegates and associates is desired. Business is important. Annual and Associates' fees are now due.

J.S., Sec.

A. T. CONNOR REPLIES.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Oaten's reply on page 16 is just what I hoped for and expected from him, and I welcome his closing declaration that there is no real conflict between the two ideas of first-class mediumship and the production of first-class minds.

As I made clear in my December Education article, Mr. Oaten is recognised in educational circles as one of our pioneers, whose work is still bearing fruit. But his qualification of his proposed School of the Prophets as "not a college to train the intellect" might, if unexplained, have been misunderstood as an opinion that for mediumship training of the intellect is not necessary. Mr. Oaten has now shown that he considers a

certain amount of intellectual training necessary even for developing mediums and psychics, and I am almost satisfied.

But yet I cannot quite agree that a School of the Prophets should be merely a training ground for first-class mediums and psychics. Surely there is more in prophecy than the production of convincing phenomena of spirit return and spirit operation? The accepted definition of a prophet—whatever our dictionaries may say—is "a man with an inspired message for mankind." The prophets of old were not physical mediums, but inspired teachers; and the fame and influence of Isaiah, Hosea, Jeremiah and others of the great Hebrew prophets rests not on what they did, but on what they said. Their message was based on the power to reach up into the higher realms of being and to comprehend, as well as apprehend, the living truths with which they came into contact. I suggest that only a first-class mind is capable of such a feat, and that intellectual development should be considered as important as any other development in the training of mediums.

I heartily agree that mediumship is the evidential basis of our philosophy—but ONLY the *basis*, and not, as so many of our new converts seem to think, the *philosophy*. The phenomena only attract us to investigation and thought, and it is our thinking that provides us with our philosophy. And the philosophy that proceeds from, or is transmitted through, an educated mind is immeasurably superior to that obtained through—if it is through—an untrained mind. Kreisler would not attempt to play Ave Maria for Count MacCormick on a cheap fiddle. And even the most advanced spirits are human beings and unable to do the impossible. Intellectual and mediumistic development *should* work side by side, in developing each psychic as well as each thinker.

Yours, etc.,

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

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

"†" denotes Fees have been paid by Lyceums to their respective District Councils during the previous year.

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 E † Bolton, Henry-street, 10-30. Miss P. Monk, 38, Bull Lane, off Lever Street, Bolton.
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 D † Bradford, Laisterdyke, No. 5, Laisterdyke, 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. J. Babbs, 3, Dundas St., Laisterdyke.
 D † Bradford, Milton, 16, Lansdowne Place, off Morley St. 10-30. Mr. H. Hemmens, 9, Rand Place, Grantham Road, Bradford.
 D † Idle, Highfield Rd., 1-45. Mr. J. J. Holling, 495, Leeds Road, Thackley, Bradford.

- D † Keighley, Heber Street, 10 and 1-30. Miss A. Middlebrook, 7, Poplar Terrace, Keighley Road, Morton, Bingley.
 D † Saltaire, 7, Moor Head Lane (Saltaire Tram Terminus) Mrs. E. Whitley, 1 Grant Place, Bolton Lane, Bradford.
 D † Shipley, Teal-court, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 46, Scarboro' Road.
 D † Windhill, School Hill, 1-30 p.m. Mrs. Brook, 86, Briggate, Windhill, Shipley.
 D † Yeadon, South View, 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Slater, Ambleside, Belmont Road, Harrogate Rd., Yeadon.

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 G † Coventry, Broadgate, Cox Street, 3-0 p.m. Mrs. E. C. Ooe, 51, Browning Road, Coventry.
 G † Nuneaton, Norman Avenue, 11 a.m. Mrs. Hill, 191, Haunchwood Road, Stockingford, Nuneaton.
 G † Rugby, Pennington Street, 11 a.m. Miss E. Brierley, 64, Bridget St., Rugby.
 G Upper Stoke, Walsgrave Rd., Stoke, Coventry, 11 a.m. Mrs. Sharpe, 18, Welland Rd., Stoke, Coventry.

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 D † Elland, Westgate, 1-45 p.m. Mr. E. Smith, 12, Saddleworth Road, Elland.
 D † Halifax, Alma St., 10 and 1-45. Mr. P. Chapman, 47, Grove Ter., Upper Washer Lane, King Cross, Halifax.
 D † Halifax, Queen's Road, 10 and 1-30. Mr. G. Anderson, 16, Clay St., Hanson Lane, Halifax.
 D † Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 1-45. Miss M. Sutcliffe, 4, Hebden Grove, Lee Mill Road, Hebden Bridge.
 D † Huddersfield, Ramsden St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. L. Saxon, 10, Pollard St., Fartown, Huddersfield.
 D † Huddersfield, St. Peter St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Midgley, 13, Rose St., Turnbridge, Huddersfield.

- D † Quarmby, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 318, Vicarage Road, Longwood, Huddersfield.
 D † Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 2 p.m. (or 1-45 p.m. when special Church Services are held) Miss F. M. Lees, 7, Charles St., Tuel Lane.
 D † West Vale, Green Lane, 2 p.m. Mrs. Mitchell, 20, Eastgate, Elland.
 D † Marsden, Beaconsfield Place, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. F. Howson, 76, Woods Avenue, Marsden, nr. Huddersfield.

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 C † Batley Carr, Carr Street, 1-30. Mr. E. Whitelock, 30 Carr St., Batley Carr, Dewsbury.
 C † Birstall, Batley, Railway Terrace, 1-45 p.m. Miss W. Robinson, 6, West St., Birstall, Gomersal, nr. Leeds.
 C † Castleford, Lower Oxford St., 10-30 and 1-30. Mrs. K. Wright, 23, Wood Street, Castleford.
 C † Cleckheaton, The Old Robin, 1-45. (1st Sun. 2-30). Miss M. B. Robinson, Highfield Cottage, Walthrold Road, Cleckheaton.
 C † Dewsbury, Wellington Rd., 10 and 1-45. Mr. V. R. Phillips, 43, Battye St., Dewsbury.
 C Heckmondwike, Tower St., 2 p.m. Miss V. Senior, 9, Gladys St., Union Rd., Liversedge.
 C † Hemsworth, Grove Lane, 10-30, 2 p.m. Mrs. W. Bates, 15, Holgate Gardens, Barnsley Road, Hemsworth, nr. Pontefract.
 C † Hull, Dairycoates, 9, Eastbourne St. 1-45 p.m. Mrs. B. Spencer, 10, Zetland St., St. George's Road, Hull.
 C † Hull, Gipsyville, Labour Hall, Edinburgh St. 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. Green, 30, Westbourn St., Hessle Rd., Hull.
 C † Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. A. Buckton, 43, Tadman St., Hull.
 C † Leeds, Armlay, Theaker Lane, 2 p.m. Mr. G. Parton, 67, Royal Park Avenue, Hyde Park, Leeds, 6.
 C † Leeds, Psycho, 24, Brunswick Place, North St. 2-30 p.m. Miss V. Towers, "Arndale," 15, Park Lane, Roundhay, Leeds.
 O † Leeds, 79, Easy Road, 2-15 p.m. Mrs. Brown, 2, Pretoria Grove, Easy Rd., Leeds.

- †Leeds, Horsforth, Scout Hut, Broadgate Lane, 8-15 p.m. Mrs. Eccles, 67, Victoria Gardens, Horsforth, Leeds.
- †Littletown, Eddercliffe Road, Bradford Road, Liverseedge, 2 p.m. Mr. F. Duffield, 23, Westfield Terrace, Heckmondwike.
- †Morley, Queen Street, 1-45. Mr. A. Stevens, 11, Town End, Morley, nr. Leeds.
- †Normanton, Queen St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Rothery, 30, King St., Normanton.
- †Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side-entrance), 1-45. Mrs. M. Spurr, 44, Garden St., Wakefield.
- †York, Spen Lane, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. S. Whitwam, 5, Foss Bank, Monkgate, York.

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- †Chester, Common Hall St., 11 a.m. Mr. C. Heskeith, 3, Goss Street, Chester.
- †Liverpool, Daulby Street, 10-30 a.m. Miss M. Keeling, 8, Knochaid Road, Tue Brook, L'pool.
- †Liverpool, Boaler Street, 3 p.m. Mr. G. Burns, 82, Newcombe Street, Breck Rd., Liverpool.
- †Rock Ferry, 18, Neison Rd., 3 p.m. Mrs. F. M. Sutherland, 37, Highfield Grove, Rock Ferry.
- †Runcorn, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. L. Cohen, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn, Cheshire.
- †Southport, 10-30. Miss V. Denton, 23, Hoghton St., Southport.
- †St. Helens, Charles St., 11 a.m. Mr. W. Brisco, 54, Park Road, St. Helens.
- †Warrington, Academy Street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Foster, Wellington St., Warrington.
- †Wigan, Crompton Street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. W. Monks, 12, Eckersley St., Whelley, Wigan.

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- †Brixton, 143a, Stockwell Park Rd., S.W.9. 3 p.m. Mr. F. B. Cross, 10, Somerleyton Road, Brixton, S.W.9.
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- †Croydon, Broadgreen Hall, Handcroft Rd. West, Croydon, 3 p.m. Mr. P. M. Stewart, 2, Silverleigh Villas, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
- †Eltham, Co-op. Hall, Well Hall Rd., S.E.9. 11-0 a.m. Miss Eva Goodall, 76, Embleton Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.
- †Forest Hill, Beardnall-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Payne, 6, Mount Ash Road, Sydenham Hill Road, Sydenham, S.E.26.
- †Fulham, 12, Lettuce Street, 3 p.m. Mr. H. A. Halfacre, 30, Lysia St., Fulham, S.W.6.
- †Guildford, Borough Hall, North St., 3 p.m. Mrs. Woods, 80, Agraria Rd., Guildford, Surrey.
- †Hackney, 4, Sanford Terrace, Stoke Newington, 3-0. Mr. G. Coote, 78, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, E.5.
- †Hampton Hill, Middlesex, Windmill Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. L. J. Batten, 44, Myrtle Road, Hampton Middlesex.
- †Hampton Wick and Teddington, 37, High St. Hampton Wick, Middlesex, 3 p.m. Miss G. Irving, 258, Kingston Road, Teddington, Middlesex.
- †Kingston-on-Thames, Villiers Road, 3-0. Miss M. M. Dutton, 73, Bonner Hill Rd., Kingston, Surrey.
- †Lewisham, Limes Hall, Limes Grove, S.E.13. Mr. W. A. Hurrell, 58, Leyland Rd., Lee, S.E.12.
- †Little Iford, Third Avenue, Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Mr. Titmuss, 94, Leigh Road, East Ham, E.6.
- †Manor Park, Strone Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Trumble, 218, Wakefield Rd., East Ham, E.6.
- †New Malden, Park Road, Surrey, 3 p.m. Mr. G. Lelliott, 34, Consfield Avenue, New Malden, Surrey.
- †Peckham, Lausanne Rd., 3-0 p.m. Miss G. Bamber, 65, St. Asaph Rd., Brockley, S.E.4.
- †Plaistow, Cumberland Road 3 p.m. Miss E. G. Mackinnon, 13, Prugel Street, Plaistow, E.13.
- †Rochester Square, Camden Rd., Camden Town, N. 3 p.m. Miss D. M. Jordan, 27, Parkhurst Rd. Holloway, N.7.
- †Stratford, Idminton Road, 3 p.m. Mr. R. H. Bates, 46, St. James Rd., Stratford, E.15.
- †Tottenham, and Edmonton, Linnell Road, Edmonton, 3-0 p.m. Miss L. Canfield, 29, Seaford Road, Enfield, Middlesex.
- †Tottenham, 744, High Road, Mr. F. King, 20, Trulock Rd., Tottenham, N.17.

- †Walthamstow, Workman's Hall, High St., E.17. 3 p.m. Miss D. Thomas, 4, Canning Road, Walthamstow, E.17.
- †Woolwich and Plumstead, Perseverance Hall, Villas Road, Plumstead, 3-0., Miss M. James, 6, Trotyl Terrace, Plumstead S.E.18.
- †Southend and Westcliff. Westboro' Rd. Westcliff-on-Sea, 3 p.m. Mr. S. F. Thompson, 108, Baxter Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Taylor, 2, Fildes St., Newton Heath, Manchester.
- District Visitor, Mr. J. Taylor, 2, Fildes St., Newton Heath, Manchester.
- †Hollinwood, Byrom Street, 10-30. Miss J. Fairbotham, 7, Balmoral St., Hollinwood, nr. Oldham.
- †Manchester, Progressive, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. S. Sharp, 8, Morningson St., C.-on-M., Manchester.
- †Manchester, Halliwell St., Cheetham Hill, 10-30. Mrs. Gershon, 36, Anne St., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss R. Temple, 427, Moston Lane, Moston, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Durham St., Market St., Droylesden, 2-30 p.m. Miss Kirkham, 3, Medlock St., Market St., Droylesden Manchester.
- †Manchester, Harpurhey, 24, Sharston St., 2-30. Mrs. A. Hall, 10, Dunstan St., Moston Lane, Blackley, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Higher Openshaw, 5, Harp Street, Old Lane, 2-30. Mr. W. Jackson, 6, Wesley Street, Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Gorton, Garlick St. Mr. J. Hall, 29, Sherborne St., Gorton, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Longsight, N.S.C. Lyceum, Shepley Street, 2-30. Mrs. E. Wood, 8, St. Mark's St., Levenshulme, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Milton, Eccles, Booth St., 11-0 a.m. Mr. H. Hellewell, 26, Dettingen St., Bank Lane, Pendleton, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Moss Side. Miss J. V. Van Leenwen, 586, Stretford Road, Old Trafford, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Mr. J. R. Parker, 13, Westmoreland St., Queen's Park, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. Miss F. Shaw, 8, Holt Lane, Fallswood, nr. Manchester.
- †Manchester, Openshaw, 915, Ashton Old Rd., 2-80. Mr. H. Bradley, 350, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Pendleton, Highfield Chambers, 94, Broad Street, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Williams, 16, Hewitt St., Waterloo Rd., Hightown, Manch'r.
- †Manchester, Salford (Central), St. Phillips Place, 2-0. Mrs. Trace, 6, Sandy Grove, Eccles Old Road, Manchester.
- †Manchester, South: Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Ely, "Woodslea," Wibbersley Park, Flixton, Manchester.
- †Manchester, Stretford, Watson Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Sidebotham, 73, Coniston Road, Stretford, Manchester.
- †New Manchester, Brunswick Chambers, 63, Brunswick Street, C.-on-M., 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. Atkinson, 267, Stockport Road, Longsight, Manchester.
- †Northwich, Co-op. Hall, Station Rd. 1-45 p.m. Mrs. N. Breeze, 6, Manchester Rd. Lostock Graham, Northwich.
- †Winnington, Winnington Lane, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. F. M. Day, 13, Barmore Rd., Weaverham, Cheshire.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr. R. A. L. Markham, 302, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- District Visitor, Mr. H. Ennon, 95, Vienna Road, Edgeley, Stockport.
- †Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10 a.m.—1-45 p.m. Mr. R. A. L. Markham, 302, Mossley Road, Ashton-u-Lyne.
- †Congleton, Park Road, 10-30. Mr. W. Goodwin, 1, Bank Terrace, off West St., Congelton.
- †Heaton Norris, Baker Street, 10-30 & 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. George, 14, Todd Street, Heaton Norris.
- †Hyde, George St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. N. Cartwright, 122, Grange Road, Hyde, Cheshire.
- †Leek, Labour Church, 10-30. Mr. M. J. Smith, 21, Duke Street, Leek.
- †Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
- †Stockport, Central, Lord St., 10-15 and 2, Miss E. Brown, 48, Petersburg Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

- Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.
- District Visitor:—
Northern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.

Southern Section: Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley.

- †Accrington, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Jameson, 9, Beech Grove, Accrington.
- †Accrington, Pearl Street, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Crabtree, 29, Sharples St., Spring Hill, Accrington.
- †Barnoldswick, West End, Westgate, 10-30 a.m. C. Brown, 28, Valley Road, Barnoldswick.
- †Blackburn, St. Peter St., Session 9-30, Liberty Group, 2 p.m. Mr. Wood, 23, Helen Street, Blackburn.
- †Blackpool, Albert Road, 9-30, 1-45. Mrs. Rothwell, Milbro' House, 27, Ellesmere Rd., Marton Drive, S. Shore, Blackpool.
- †Brierfield, John Street, 2-0 p.m. Miss E. Miller, 8, Commercial Street, Brierfield.
- †Burnley, Hammerton Street 10 a.m. Mr. W. Butterworth, 22, Print Street, Burnley.
- †Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Miss B. Laycock, 16, Renshaw St., Burnley.
- †Clitheroe, Walker Street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Ed. Lee, 16, Central Avenue, Clitheroe.
- †Colne, Spring Lane, 10 a.m. Mr. W. Johnson, 61, Knots' Lane, Colne, Lancs.
- †Darwen, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss D. Coghlan, 96, Granville Terrace, Darwen.
- †Earby, Greenend Avenue, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. Morby, 21, Island Square, Earby, via Colne.
- †Fleetwood, Oak St., 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. Vollans, 38, Gordon Rd.
- †Great Harwood, Clayton Street. Mrs. J. Hudson, 74, Moss St., Gt. Harwood.
- †Nelson, Vernon Street, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Bury, 9, Rupert Street, Nelson.
- †Padiham, Ightenhill Street, 1-30 p.m. Mr. E. A. Whittaker, 111, Thompson St., Padiham.
- †Preston, Central, Moor Lane. 10-30 a.m. Miss H. Kilner, 76, Victoria Rd., Fulwood, Preston.
- †Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod Street, 10-30. Miss E. Entwistle, 12, Gorton St., Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancs.
- †Rishton, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss N. Ellison, 38, Burton St., Rishton.
- †Barrow-in-Furness, 165, Dalton Rd., entrance, 2nd door, Preston St., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St.
- †Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith St., 2 p.m. Mrs. Taft, 11, Hawke Street.
- †Lancaster, Britten Hall, Bulk Rd., 10-30. Miss M. Bowskill, 72, Edward St., Lancaster.
- †Lancaster, Alliance, Collegian Rooms, Gage St., Miss M. Blackwell, 21, Gage St.
- †Morecambe, West End Rd., Mr. W. H. Moores, 72, Clarendon Rd., Morecambe, W.E.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr. P. Farnath, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Lenton, Nottingham.
- District Visitor, Mr. L. Johnson, 44, Ednaston Rd., Highfields, Nottingham.
- District Visitor, Mr. L. Orell, 249, Nottingham Rd., Hill Top, Eastwood, Notts.
- †Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- †Beeston, Notts., Barton St., off Station Rd., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Wayman, 7 Nether St., Beeston.
- †Derby, Charnwood St., 10-45 & 2. Mr. G. Spence, 259, Osmaston Park Road, Derby.
- †Eastwood, Co-op Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-30. Mr. J. Naylor, 18, Bishop Street, Eastwood.
- †Hucknall, Derbyshire Lane, 10-30 & 2 p.m. Miss E. Pegg, 34, Albert St., Hucknall, Notts.
- †Kirkby, Mona Hall, Sherwood Street, 10-30 & 2 p.m. Mrs. Morgan, 41, Mary St., East Kirby, Notts.
- †Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Southampton Street, 3 p.m. Mr. T. Kenney, 81, Coral Street, Belgrave Road, Leicester.
- †Leicester, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 11-0 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon Street.
- †Lincoln, Midland Hall, 10-30 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. H. C. Dobby, 2, Saunthorpe Street, Lincoln.
- †Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coultham St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. N. Willey, 5, Grantham St., Lincoln.
- †Mansfield, Dallas St., 10-30 and 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. W. Wright, 74, Peel Crescent, Bull Farm, Mansfield.
- Nottingham, Beaconsfield Street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Ferrill, 192, Noel Street.
- †Nottingham (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church Street, 2-45 p.m. Miss M. Sharpe, 2, Malt Cottages, Eland Street, New Basford, Nottingham.
- †Nottingham, Sherwood St. North, 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 4, Greenfield St., Dunkirk, Nottingham.
- †Nottingham, Pearson's Buildings, 11-0. Mr. J. Rose, 13, Berridge Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- †Stapleford, Toton Lane, Mr. W. Walker, 3 Broomhill Terrace, Lodge Hill, Bramcote, Notts.

G †Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, 10-30 & 2. Mr. P. Lee, 1, Thornton St., Hardwick Lane, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

G †Ripley, Codnor & Dist., Victory Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. E. Eyre, Derby Road, Marchay, Derbyshire.

THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 32, Elm St., Logie, Dundee District Visitor,

A †Edinburgh, E.A.S. Church, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, 1 p.m. Mrs. J. Andrews, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh.

A †Glasgow, Northern, May's Hall, 918, Maryhill Rd., 1-0 p.m. Miss P. Hart, 14, Kelvinside Ave., Maryhill, Glasgow.

A †Rosyth, Co-op. Hall, Backmarsh Rd., 2-15. Miss D. Lawton, 100, Queensferry Road, Rosyth, Dumfriesshire, Fiffe, N.B.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Secretary, Mr. H. Heath, 17, Station Rd., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield.

District Visitor, Mr. J. Le Noury, 153, Blackburn, Meadow Hall, Sheffield.

C †Barnsley, North Pavement, Mr. T. Sykes, 23 Summer Lane.

C †Barnsley, Grace Street, 2 p.m. Mrs. Newman, 7, Wilby lane, Barnsley.

C †Chesterfield, Old Faicon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 Mr. J. J. Hobster 32, Holme-rd., Stone-gravels.

C †Dinnington and Laughton, Mme. Cawley's Rooms, Laughton Road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Hodkin, 11, Sawm Moor Rd., Thurocroft, nr. Rotherham.

C †Doncaster, Catherine St., 10-30 & 2. Mrs. S. C. Webb, 65, Elmfield Rd., Doncaster.

C †Kimberworth, 47, Victoria Street, Masboro'. Mr. Thos. Johnson, 3, Allan Street, Rotherham.

C †Mexborough, West Street, 10-45 and 1-45 p.m. Mrs. G. Walker, 33, Ardwick St., Denaby Main, nr. Rotherham.

C †Rotherham, Percy St., 2 p.m. Mr. A. Bruce, G.N.S.C., 140, St. Ann's Rd., Rotherham.

C †Scunthorpe, I.L.P. Halls, Horne St., 1-30 p.m. Miss I. Sprakes, 90, West Street, Scunthorpe.

C †Sheffield, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common, 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. J. Le Noury, 153, Blackburn, Meadow Hall, Sheffield.

C †Sheffield, Darnall Shirland Ln., 10-0 and 2-30 p.m. Miss I. Jones, 29, Bradford Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield.

C †Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford Road, 2-45. Mr. H. Truelove, 48, St. Barnabas Road, Highfield, Sheffield.

C †Stainforth, Mr. S. Handley, 3, Large Square, Stainforth.

C †West Melton, nr. Rotherham, Vicar Rd. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. J. Hirst, 54, York St., West Melton, nr. Rotherham.

C †Wombwell, Melville St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Markham, 26, Station Lane, Wombwell, nr. Barnsley.

C †Parkgate, Ashwood-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. T. Sherratt, 88, Claypit Lane, Rawmarsh, nr. Rotherham.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, 11, Cedar Rd., Bevois Mount, Portsmouth, Southampton.

District Visitor, Mrs. E. Taylor, A.N.S.C., 73, Victoria Road, Portsmouth.

H †Brighton, Mighell St. Hall, 3 p.m. Miss E. Davey, 59, Widdicombe Way, Bevendean Estate, Brighton.

H †Bristol, Providence Hall, Grosvenor Rd., 3 p.m. Miss M. Thompson, 9, Hereford Rd., St. Werberghs, Bristol.

H †Devonport, Ferry Hall, 2-45 p.m. Miss D. Cross, 11, Third Avenue, Camels Head, Devonport Plymouth.

H †Eastleigh, Scout Headquarters, Chamberlayne Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. R. L. Harwood, 158, Desborough Road.

H †Portsmouth, 73, Victoria-rd, Southsea, 3 p.m. Mrs. F. Moule, 2, Netley Place, Netley Rd., Portsmouth.

H †Reading, Forester's Hall, London, St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. Giles, 5, Surrey Rd., Reading.

H †Ryde, Belvedere Hall, Belvedere Street, 3 p.m. Mrs. A. Hole, 61, Union St., Ryde, I.O.W.

H †Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. E. W. Long, 111, Firgrove Rd., Southampton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. J. Nurse, 28, Gower Street, Rochdale. District Visitor, Mr. H. Shaw, Henry Street, off Rochdale Road, Bacup.

F †Bacup, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15 a.m., Mr. S. Carter, A.N.S.C., 283, Newchurch Rd., Stacksteads.

†Dearnley, Rochdale Rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. Whitham, 2, Laws Terrace, Dearnley, Littleborough.

F †Middleton, Gilmour-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 108, Higher Townley-st., Middleton, nr. Manchester.

F †Middleton, Oldhall Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Moorcroft, 13, Dale Road, Middleton, Manchester.

F †Oldham, Central. Mrs. H. Clegg, 57, High Barn St., Royton, Lancs.

F †Oldham, Elliott St., 10-30; 2-30. Mr. M. Harper, 21A, Sandy Lane, Royton, nr. Oldham.

F †Oldham, Waterhead, Equitable St., 10-30. Mr. H. Wright, 9, Godwin St., Oldham.

F †Rochdale, Baillie Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Dewhurst, 7, Chestnut Place, Rochdale.

F †Rochdale, Baron Street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitchall Street, Rochdale.

F †Rochdale, Regent Street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Nurse, 28, Gower Street, Rochdale.

F †Todmorden, Eagle Street, 10-0; 1-30 p.m. Mr. H. S. Potts, 8, Whiteplate Street, Todmorden.

F †Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax-road 1-30. Mrs. G. McConnell, 12, Bank View, Woodhouse Rd., Todmorden.

SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT:

G †Blackwood, Mrs. N. M. Huckin, Tylwyn Cottage, Ton-y-Moch, Pontllanfraith, Mon.

G †Caerau, 2-30. Mr. D. Griffiths, 7, Carmen St., Caerau, nr. Bridgend, S.W.

G †Cardiff, First, 18, Park Grove, 2-45. Mr. C. E. Card, 13, Mynaebay Rd., Gabalfa, Cardiff.

G †Newport, Albany Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. A. G. Hanham, 12, Cape Crescent, Newport, Mon.

G †Ogmore Vale, Ambulance Hall, 2-0 p.m. Mrs. H. Sharp, 14, Cardiff St., Ogmore Vale, South Wales.

G †Tredegar, Mr. H. O. Price, Hydesville House, 30 Queen St., Tredegar, S. Wales.

G †Ystrad, 2-30. Mr. E. S. Carpenter, 137, High St., Treorchy, Glam.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. E. Nellist, 127, Queen St., Coatham, Redcar, Yorks.

District Visitor, Mr. J. H. Foster, 58 Northumberland Road, Horden, Co. Durham.

B †Darlington, Psycho, 2-0 p.m. Miss E. F. Chapman, 46, High Northgate (Back), Darlington.

B †Grangetown, Pochin Road, 2. Mr. J. Allen, 67, Granville Rd., Grangeton-on-Tees, Yorks.

B †Gurney Valley, 2-30 p.m. Mr. F. Scorer, 42, Gurney Valley, nr. Bishop Auckland.

B †Middlesbrough, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Pierson, 35, Boswell Street, Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough, United, Wilson St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Kent, 24, Aske Rd., Middlesbrough.

New Shildon, Newlands av., 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Lee, 4, Middleton Road, Shildon.

Stockton-on-Tees, Cecil Street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Cumisky, 10, York St., Thornaby-on-Tees, Co. Durham.

B †Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick-st., 2-30. Mr. J. Miller, 36, Westbury Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Co. Durham.

B †West Hartlepool, Ever Onward, 49, Whitley St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. H. Thompson, 23, Mozart St.

B †West Hartlepool, Musgrave St., 1-45 p.m. Mrs. Ackroyd, 62, Northumberland St. West, Hartlepool.

THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT.

Secretary, Mr. G. P. Robson, 53, Bamberough Terr., North Shields, Northumberland.

District Visitor, Mr. T. J. Robertson, 55, Bath Street, South Shields.

B †Ashington, Scouts' Hut, Old Lane, 2-30. Mr. H. Barton, 9, Tossion Place, East Villis.

B †Cornsay, Labour Hall, Cornsay Colliery, 2-30. Mrs. M. H. Johnson, 45, North Terrace, Waterhouses, Co. Durham.

B †Craghead, Mr. Thos. Collingwood, 11, William St.

B †Dawdon, Louisville Hut, Seaham Harbour, 2-30. Mrs. E. Beaghan, 13, Green Street, Seaham Harbour.

B †Gateshead, 11, Catherine Street, High West Street, 2-30 p.m. Miss I. Graham, 85, Inskip Terrace, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

B †Gateshead, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Pl., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mather, 49, Claremont North Ave.

B †Hetton-le-Hole, Lowther Memorial Hall, 2-30. Mr. Wm. Wilson (Jnr.) 2, Longfellow St., Hetton Rd., Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham.

B †Hirst, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Stafford, 53, Myrtle-st., Ashington, Northumberland.

B †Jarrow, Market-sq., 2-15 p.m. Mrs. R. Overton, 81, Buddle St.

B †Jarrow-on-Tyne, 101a, Ellison St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Holland, 17, Princess St., Jarrow.

B †Newburn-on-Tyne, Mr. J. R. Trail, 5, Francis Terrace, Newburn-on-Tyne.

B †Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Miss A. Bell, 155A, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle.

B †Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton and Byker, Tomson Terrace, Heaton. 2-30 p.m. Miss N. Wardle, 166, Trewitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

B †North Shields, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley St., West, 2-30. Mrs. S. J. Robson, 53 Bamberough Terrace.

B †Newcastle-on-Tyne, Wallsend, Co-op Hall, 11 a.m. Mrs. M. Eginton, 86b, Neptune Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

B †Newcastle-on-Tyne, 58, Rye Hill, 2-30. Mr. A. Richardson, 4, East Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

B †New Delaval and Newsham, Infants' School-room, 2-30. Mrs. Johnson, 50, Middle Row, New Delaval, Newsham, Northumberland.

B †South Shields, Cambridge St., 2-30. Miss C. Stoker, 5, Morton St., South Shields.

B †South Shields, Fowler-st., 2-30. Mr. R. Smith, 63, Hedley St.

B †South Shields, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. M. Massey, 30, Dacre St., South Shields.

B †Southwick-on-Wear, Clockwell Street. Mrs. Lay, 24, Dryden Street, Southwick-on-Wear, Sunderland.

B †Sunderland, 21, Derwent St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Moore, 46, Scruton Avenue, Humbleton Estate, Sunderland.

B †Tyneside, Simpson's Hostel, Wallsend-on-Tyne, 2-45. Mrs. McDonald, 64, Laburnum Avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

B †West Pelton, Iron Schools, 2-30 p.m. Miss Robinson, 9, Arthur St., High Hold, Pelton, Co. Durham.

B †West Stanley, Bell St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Northey, 2, Red Row, Beamish, Co. Durham.

B †Whitley Bay, 212, Whitley Rd., 2-30. Mr. W. Hall, Florwill, Ivanhoe, Monkseaton, Northumberland.

Area Lyceums.

G †Carlisle, 16a, West Walls, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Black, 55, Peel St., Newtown, Carlisle.

G †Grimsby, Kent-St., 10-30 and 1-55 p.m. Miss D. Devereux, 176, Durbam Road.

G †Hanley, High St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Mason, 28, Cromwell St., Hanley, Staffs.

F †Llandudno, Garage Street, 10-15. Mr. W. J. Edwards, Tyn-y-Coed Road, Great Orm's Head, Llandudno.

G †Longton, Stone Rd., 2-0 p.m. Counc. C. Barker, J.P., 67, Uttoxeter Rd., Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

G †Northampton, 6a, Newland, 10-45. Mrs. Lawman, No. 2 Cottage, rear of 165, Wellington' Rd., Northampton.

Peterborough, King St., 10-45 a.m. Mr. A. E. Reynolds, 59, Bedford St.

G †Skegness, Co-op. Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. J. T. Jackaman, Flat No. 3, Glentworth Crescent, Skegness.

G †Tunstall, & Piccadilly St., 10-45 and 2-0 p.m. Mr. W. Wiggins, 19, Wellington St., Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Oversea Lyceums.

Calgary, 1st Spiritualist Church, 7th Avenue and 3rd St., E. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Rushton, 530, Third Avenue, W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Dunedin, N.Z., Trades Hall, Moray Place, 2-30 p.m. Miss R. Burgess, c/o Mrs. Green, 679, Cumberland Street, Dunedin North, New Zealand.

Johannesburg, Master Builders' Hall, Commissioner St. 11-0 a.m. Mr. A. E. Hart, 241, Kitchener Avenue, Kensington, Johannesburg.

Methuen, Mass., U.S.A. Mr. D. Moore, 67, Centre St.

Sydney, Leigh House, 2-15. Miss R. I. Brown, c/o Mrs. E. Morrell, 'Hollywood', 14, College St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Wellington, N.Z. Kent Terrace, 2-30. Mr. S. Harris, 64, Kauri Street, Rongatai, Wellington, N.Z.

Winnipeg, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. I. Turner, 230, Polson Avenue, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

Winnipeg, Princess St., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. Mr. A. J. Wood, 750, Goulding St., Winnipeg, Man.

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