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OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PAGE.

TO ALL LYCEUMISTS,

Since the last M.C. Page was written a great deal has happened to occupy the minds of your M.C. members and yet, as some of the most important topics are still under serious consideration, disclosure of all present activities would be premature.

We recognise, however, that the avowed object of this page is to keep Lyceumists enlightened as to the current trend of events, and, as far as is possible without impeding the work of the M.C., this is being done.

Fusion.

The absorbing topic of the past few weeks has been the question of "Fusion."

Only those who have experience of the management of public bodies understand fully the significant truth of the old adage, "From how little a spark a mighty flame may grow."

A chance phrase, casually uttered in Conference; comments on it in the pages of the BANNER, amplified in other directions, and a Movement finds itself involved in a far-reaching controversy.

Unfortunately, the present urge for the consideration of fusion is being stressed by the implication of a rapidly approaching crisis in the affairs of the Union.

Your M.C. are practically unanimous in their affirmation that the crisis spoken of is mythical rather than real. The affairs of the Union are in a healthier state than for several years, and it is felt that the forcing of a "Fusion" at the present juncture would mean the retarding of a progressive period. It is hoped, however, that the forthcoming Conference will provide opportunity for a National expression of ideas on this old-new question.

Conference.

Mention of Conference reminds us that that event is rapidly approaching. Preliminary arrangements are already in hand at Southampton, and will be considered by the Finance Committee before these notes appear in print.

Alfred Kitson Legacy.

After some months of delay, due to circumstances over which the Trustees and M.C. had no control, the Alfred Kitson legacy has now been handed over to our Treasurer. Its total amount will be made known in due course, but we are at liberty to state that it will make a substantial reduction in Messrs.

Wadsworth's outstanding account, to which end it is being principally applied.

Unfortunately, the settlement of affairs was not effected in time for the full amount to be shown in the 1934 Balance Sheet, but the Treasurer's Interim Statement at Conference will reveal still further cause for gratitude to our beloved leader, Alfred Kitson.

Fees and Membership.

Reports from our Gen. Secretary show that D.C.'s and Lyceums are "playing up" well in the matter of early payment of Fees. Of course, as usual, there are laggards.

Now, dear reader, just make sure that your D.C. or Lyceum is not among them; Thank you!!

It is rather early to prophesy as yet but there are certain indications that this year will see a check in the decline in membership which has been so perturbing for some time.

Badges.

The question of a new badge is still under consideration. Had any of you been privileged to see into the Union's office during the holding of the last M.C. meeting, you might have been excused for mistaking it for a Jeweller's show-room. The display of enamel, gilt and silver from the sample badges our General Secretary had managed, somehow, to collect, was truly dazzling.

It must be stressed, however, that the selection of a new design of badge is not something the M.C. is trying to force on the Union. We want *your* opinion and suggestions for collaboration, so that when Conference gives its decision on the question immediate arrangements can be made for an early supply of Badges.

Submit your design or suggestion. The M.C. has sufficient information in hand to be able to say whether it is practical in manufacture and price.

Correspondence.

There has been quite a number of letters of late from Lyceums and Lyceumists asking for information on questions of conduct and procedure. Some contain criticism, but generally the kind of criticism that betrays keen interest. This is a good, healthy sign and we trust the future will see an ever-growing interest and a hastening of the time that will see us all: "Working hand in hand."

J. SLIMIN,
President, B.S.L.U.

PROF. SOLLNER.

JOHN S. BARNETT, A.N.S.C.

(Concluded from last month).

An examination of Slade's feet and stockings failed to reveal any traces of adhering particles of soot. Moreover, the measurement of Mr. Slade's foot from the heel to the great toe was 22.5 centimetres whereas the length of the impression was only 18.5 centimetres.

Still more remarkable were the phenomena of the tying of true knots on an endless loop of cord, and also the transference of wooden rings off an endless cord on to the leg of the table.

The first occurred on the 17th Dec., 1877, when Sollner took a piece of hempen cord, the ends of which were tied with an ordinary knot, which he sealed with his own seal. During the seance he kept the seal in full view on the table, his thumbs pressed firmly against it, while the remainder of the cord hung loosely over the side of the table.

Throughout the experiment Mr. Slade appeared to be quite passive, his hands lying upon the table visible to all concerned. After a few moments an examination of the cord disclosed the fact that four true knots had appeared on it although the seal was still intact and undisturbed.

Apropos of this experiment Prof. Sollner says, "The four knots in the above mentioned cord, with the seal unbroken, this day lie before me; I can send this cord to any man for examination, I might send it by turn to all the learned societies of the world, so as to convince them that not a subjective phantasma is here in question, but an objective and lasting effect produced in the material world, which no human intelligence, with the conception of space so far current, is able to explain."

These, and many other phases of phenomena which considerations of space prevent us from recounting, were of such an astounding character and so apparently at variance with all the current conceptions of matter and energy, that we can easily imagine something of the usual outcry against him, critics of the armchair order rose up in abundance but as Prof. Oesterreich says, "It is a significant sign of the weakness of the criticisms against Sollner, that no reference is made to the facts which are hardest to account for."

As is usual in such cases many people asserted that Slade must have been an expert conjurer who had deceived Prof. Sollner and his associates by cleverly contrived tricks.

This view was, however, discounted by the testimony of Mr. Samuel Bellachini, Court Conjurer to his Majesty the King and Emperor William I. In a declaration signed and executed in the presence of a notary and witnesses, he asserted that after carefully testing the physical mediumship of Mr. Slade in a series of sittings held in full daylight, and closely observing the conditions under which the manifestations occurred, he was convinced that the phenomena in question could not in the least degree be ascribed to conjuring, "and that any explanation of the experiments which took place under the circumstances and conditions then obtaining by any reference to prestidigitation, to be impossible."

The question may be raised, why should such men as Sollner and Crookes obtain such astounding results when the results obtained by other investigators are often very meagre? Probably there are many contributory factors to account for this, but one of primary importance is to be found in the mental attitude and mode of approach of the investigator.

An attitude of honest doubt and reasoned scepticism is no bar to the production of mediumistic manifestations, but an attitude of distrust and acrimonious suspicion undoubtedly tends to break down the very conditions which it is necessary to promote.

The mental attitude of Prof. Sollner to these problems was characterised by two important aspects, on the one hand he possessed a brilliant imagination which he utilized in constructing theories and hypothesis and devising experiments, and on the other hand he was a cool critical observer, always ready as Huxley taught, to sit down before a fact as a little child, and to follow humbly wherever nature leads.

He says, "I preferred to comport myself towards Mr. Slade and the phenomena occurring in his presence just as I did towards nature in my previous discoveries. . . . I remained patient, and left it confidently to nature to reveal as much of her secrets as seemed fitting to her without blinding my intellectual eyes by the splendour of her majesty."

OUR FATHER.

By 'MICHAEL.'

IN these modern days of ever changing ideas we clamour for new thoughts on religion and we fail to see the beauty and depth in some of the phrases with which we have been familiar from the time we could lisp.

We ask for practical religion and no better place can we seek than in the "Lord's Prayer." The majority of us say this daily, or if not, we chant it once a week, yet we become indifferent towards it and say it mechanically rather than sincerely.

Even though the Lord's Prayer is one of those things which we share with Christianity, it embodies our seven principles in an indirect way.

We begin—"Our Father," and incidently, our first principle. First of all there is one other self of which we can be sure, one other self on which we can rely, and from whom we can never escape—there is God. We hear so much of the fallacy of the idea of a personal God that it is very difficult to define God as a power, as a creative force, and then call upon Him with a human term as 'Father.' We look up to an earthly father who, so far as lay in his power provided us with an earthly or material body. Until we are of such an age or in such circumstances that we can provide and care for that body ourselves, we expect our earthly father to attend to our requirements.

Just so then, do we expect our heavenly or spiritual father to provide the spiritual part of our natures. It is to this force that our prayer is addressed, and remember we do not say 'Father,' we say 'Our Father.'

He is not merely an individual father but a universal father, and, this being so, all his children bear the

relationship of brotherhood spiritually, whatever earthly differences there may be. Whatever they may say or do they are still sons of God and brethren of ours. If we think or act towards them on any other understanding than that, the action will be in itself a falsehood, will lead us nowhere and gain us nothing.

From those two words we can trace the two principles of Spiritualism, and generally speaking, we have struck the common basis of all religions that are or have been.

“WHICH ART IN HEAVEN.”—Life is a spiritual pilgrimage, and there is always present the possibility at any moment, on any day of any year, of turning back and facing the other way.

Life is a continual choice between heaven and hell.

What does this choice mean? What is heaven and where is it? Is it a place, or a state of mind? Is it here or hereafter? What is hell? Is it a place or state of mind? Is it here or hereafter?

Heaven is where God is. God is here and now and so is Heaven. God will be hereafter and so will Heaven.

Hell is where God is not, and that may be here and now, for us. Hell is where God is not and that may be hereafter for us, too.

Beauty, love and goodness form the truth about life here and now, and to possess these is to be in Heaven, to be without them is to be in Hell. Real human progress depends upon an increase in our knowledge and realisation of these things which make up the meaning of life.

Heaven is not another world from this in the matter of time. If we do not seek it and make it on earth then the mere act of dying will not immediately transplant us there. We shall attain it only when we desire; we postpone Heaven only when we doubt the truth.

“HALLOWED BE THY NAME.”—Here again arises the difficulty of the idea of a personal God. We must give this power of nature, of goodness, of truth some name so that when we speak all may understand. We have already given Him one name—FATHER, but this is a term with many meanings and stands for many values. It could mean an earthly parent, it could mean an authority of the Church, but if we use the term GOD, then we are immediately understood. Of course we can say, names mean definitions, and definitions mean limitations, and this particular power is limitless. Granted this, but at the same time we are in a material world and must use words as understood. Thus when we say “Hallowed Be Thy Name,” we pray that—God may be known, loved and served by all His creatures.

Unknown though He may seem, we can seek Him where we can be sure to find Him, and that is within ourselves.

“THY KINGDOM COME.”—Some scientists tell us that the Kingdom is neither of this world nor for this world. That to pin our faith on the coming of a millenium is first of all, to pin our faith on an impossibility. To prove this statement, they tell us that this world, which gets colder and colder every day, will one day be frozen up and become a dull, dead thing with no life upon it. Since this is certain how can the kingdom of God be built here on earth, they ask us. They appear to imagine that because the kingdom is to be built upon earth it depends on earthly material for its existence. But one might as easily

imagine, that because a great poem is written with pen upon paper it therefore depends on these for its existence, and would be destroyed if the materials were destroyed. But once created a poem can be transmitted in many ways. The Kingdom of God is the beauty which has taken form and becomes concrete, and it is in the life of the earth that we have to make it real. Once built, it is a ‘Thing of beauty and a joy for ever’ but it must be built and not just dreamt about, and the only bricks we have are made of stone and clay, so we must use them. When we say ‘Thy Kingdom Come,’ we pray that God may reign in our hearts, and through our understanding of Him, that we may reveal Him and His Kingdom to the world.

“THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS DONE IN HEAVEN.” We have already said that Heaven is where beauty, love, and goodness are in sincere operation, so that it is in these places and at these times that God’s Will is in operation, and we pray that it might be done on earth, the earth in this case meaning everywhere, since it covers the whole known area of the existence of man.

What is God’s Will? When we hear of the unnecessary suffering of any individual, say a child who is too young to have brought any such suffering upon itself, we glibly say “It is God’s Will.” But is it? It might be His Will in so much that it is the outcome of some violation of His natural laws, but surely it is not the God’s Will we have in mind when we pray for it to come about universally.

God’s Will is first of all our unity with Him, or an understanding of our real selves; secondly, the Will of God is that we, being one with Him, we should be one with each other, that we should be one as He is one, and that is our real inherent nature.

If the unity of all present here on earth makes it inevitable that all should bear the sin of each and each should bear the sin of all, it also makes it possible that all should share the good of each and that each should share the good of all. This is the will of God.

In this prayer of the Great Teacher, and in many places in the record of His ministry is shown His very great concern about providing bread for His people. He seems to realise that it is no use preaching to a people of their spiritual bodies when their earthly bodies are crying out for sustenance. That it was mockery to talk of their Father’s Love, unless He first met their human needs. To-day, that same thing still applies; the whole of society needs reorganising, so that each may have a fair share of the rights of living, and of their daily bread.

Daily bread, mark you. Now for a day one needs so much, but not too much, just enough for a simple existence, which, after all, is all that is necessary. If in the present scheme of things all men had enough but none to spare to hoard, the great black spectre of poverty and starvation would be laid low.

This is typical of His simple teachings—Our Daily Bread. DAILY, enough for the present, and BREAD the simplest of food, but the staff of life.

“FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US.”

We pray for forgiveness of those things which we have in knowledge or in ignorance done wrong—but remember—we only ask to be forgiven in the same way as we forgive others. If someone has done us an injustice, and we are not prepared to forgive them, and

we still feel resentment and enmity in our hearts towards them, then we do wrong in asking God to forgive us; we can only expect forgiveness to the same degree that we are prepared to grant it.

We can see Compensation and Retribution underlying all this. Just as much as we give, then just so much will we receive.

It may take time, but it is simply natural law, and as such it is bound to work out, someday, somewhere. If we learn the meaning of forgiveness and act accordingly as far as lies in our power, then as human beings, with human failings and weaknesses, we can do no more.

Then we come to a point where Spiritualists make a slight alteration:—"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL." This is changed to—"WHEN IN TEMPTATION, LEAVE US NOT."

Does God lead us into temptation? Are we to suppose that God tempts us and if He does, will it not be for our benefit and ought we to ask Him not to do so. If He leads, we should be prepared to overcome temptation. God does lead us into this temptation, every day and we must follow. But just in proportion as we live for Him and with Him and have found in His presence the fulness of joy, just in proportion as we have the fulness of God's grace we shall be reluctant to court temptation and afraid to meet it carelessly. The nearer we live to God, the more we shall hate and detest the very shadow of evil—the more we shall pray:—Lead us not into temptation, though never of course without the supreme act of aspiration, which is the real prayer:—

"If in the course of duty, O God, temptation comes, then deliver us from evil."

The prayer begins with God, as everything must—Thy name, Thy kingdom, Thy will. Then, our bread, our sins, our temptations, our deliverance, and then back again to—Thy kingdom, Thy power and Thy glory. Thus the perfect circle from God to earth and back again to Him, with glory for ever and ever.

After all our supplications we grant Him the full honour in His position as Creator, Father, Sustainer.

The duty that remains with us is to make ourselves fit and worthy children of such a Father, so that when we do pray we shall be able to say—OUR FATHER, and mean, in the truest sense, that we accept the rest of His family as our brother. Only in such understanding can we expect His kingdom on earth.

ALFRED KITSON BEQUEST.

The Trustees are pleased to report that they have received from the Executors of the estate of Alfred Kitson the sum of £288 9s. 8d., and the whole of the proceeds have been paid into the funds of the Union; one half to the General Fund and one half to the Publishing Fund.

The Trustees express their thanks to the Executors, Mr. E. Wilson and Mr. A. Winder, of Dewsbury, for their services to the Trustees in winding up the estate, as the task has been both arduous and difficult.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Chairman.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

Trustees.

OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

By the time these notes appear, the forms for entries and fees will be in all Lyceum Secretaries' hands. If you have not received yours, write Mrs. Mills right away for a supply. And please make up your mind that when the List of Candidates is filled in your name will be found among the number. If you have your lists ready I would deem it a favour if you would forward it at once. The closing date for sending in entries is March 31st as usual, but that is no reason why you should wait until then.

The date of the examinations this year will be May 12th. If there should be any doubt about the number of entries, additions can be made up to the end of April, and if entries come in early we shall be better able to make our arrangements for supplies etc., without having to wait until the last minute.

We are appealing for a better entry than was the case last year. As the exams will not be held until the second Sunday in May there is still time to make a start with studies. Any member of a well conducted Lyceum should be able to pass grades I to III without much special preparation, and competent Group Leaders should find no difficulty with Grade IV. Even Grade V could be prepared for with a determined effort by those who have passed through the other four grades.

If you have not made a start send to Mrs. Mills for the proper Handbooks and commence at once. The Booklet *How to Prepare* gives all the hints required from Grade 1 to V; and the *Oral Grade Leaflet* will enable any adult to prepare at least a dozen of the younger Lyceumists under 12 for the Oral Grades. Oral Grade Students are not asked to do any writing. They will only be asked to learn and to be able to repeat the Principles, recite one of the four *Manual Silver Chains* printed in the *Oral Grade Primer*, and answer six of the questions set out in the Primer following the chains; the entry fee is 3d. for the Oral Grades and every child who obtains forty or more marks is awarded a floral certificate.

Grade V examination this year will be of the same general nature as last year, so it would be advisable for Grade V students to make as much use as possible of last year's questions, a set of which can be obtained (if you send a stamped addressed envelope) from Mrs. Mills at the Union's office. Two papers are set, one on No. 3. Handbook, and one to test the students' grasp of the Essay on Reasoning, all the examples being taken from *Spiritualist Practice and Teaching*. Full instructions as to the syllabus and hints for study are given in the *Grade V Leaflet*.

We suggest that students should send to Mrs. Mills for the Leaflets and sets of Examination questions, and begin their studies by learning and practising the answers to these questions. There is still time to prepare for May 12th.



My dear Boys and Girls,

I suppose you all know what it is to get very excited over some great event which you are expecting to happen. For instance just recently one of these occasions has taken place, namely Christmas Eve. I think it would be quite correct to say all of you were so excited over what to-morrow would bring that you were even willing to go to bed early without a grumble. Then of course there is the looking forward to a visit from some relatives of the family who you may have never seen or only very occasionally. I know there is usually a little idea of what they are likely to bring you, nevertheless the excitement is there. Summer holidays from School give most of you another very good illustration, especially when it has the added pleasure of looking forward to a holiday at the seaside.

Now do you know that there are at the present time millions of people who are looking forward to a great event which is shortly going to take place in this country. Of course you are all well aware that the Cup Final is on its way, and naturally you all want your own favourite team to win; but there, I want my team to win too, so I think all we can do is to adopt a very sporty attitude and say "May the best team win." But this is not the secret of this great event. There are the proposed celebrations for the Jubilee. This too is going to be very grand, everybody is going to be really gay. Flags will fly, there will be an extra day's holiday from school, but great as all this excitement will be, it is not the event I have in mind.

There is the day when the Editor will be telling us that the Union has got those ten thousand shillings he asked us for in last month's issue, but there I suppose only those in our own movement will get excited over this, and by the way I hope even you boys and girls are saving a penny occasionally until you can send yours. I've started to save mine, Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris are doing so too.

Why this letter is getting something like the game "I sent a letter to my love and on the way I dropped it" you know that part where we say "It isn't you. It isn't you. 'Tis you." So what is it that millions of people are getting so excited about, why "The hopes of Spring." In our garden a fortnight ago Auntie Ruth and I discovered two beautiful crocuses in bloom. We were so excited that the first thing we did was to call Cousin Doris to come and look too.

This reminds me of two special meetings I have attended since I wrote you my last letter. The first was a Lyceum Anniversary Service where I met a lady who, like our Guild Imp, can always interest boys and girls with beautiful fairy stories. Of course I asked her to tell one, and while I could not even pretend to tell it as she does, I will tell you what it was about, with the hopes that the fairies will not be cross with me for so doing, for I have not even asked her

if I might. Why the very idea of it makes me say to myself "There are fairies at the bottom of our garden" who knows what they will tell her.

Well telling you the story very briefly, it was about a little brown bulb, which had suddenly wakened up under the earth and started pushing its way to the light and air: alas just as it was about to peep out, some careless person came along and put a very big stone on top of it. What a disappointment this must have been to it, and at first I expect it felt very sad about it. But then this lady told us how it thought and thought until all at once it said, "No I will not give in, I know what I will do, I'll work my way round the stone." And so it did: after a long hard struggle it won and shot out of the ground, growing and blooming into a beautiful daffodil.

It gave me a very great lesson which I hope you may learn too. When little set backs come into your lives do not give up, but do as the bulb did, say to yourselves "I will win through."

That brings me to another Lyceum Meeting I attended. This was of a much different type. It was at my own Lyceum, when they gave a party to a large number of aged men and women from the workhouse. I suppose the majority of them were nearing the seventy mark in age. Did they enjoy themselves? I should just think they did, but the pleasing part of the party was that some of the very young Lyceumists did their part in entertaining them and as one of the old gentlemen said "brought sunshine into their lives." This picture suggested to me "Winter and Spring" and I could not help thinking how real it made our Lyceum teachings,

"Cherish kindly feelings, children
Towards the old and poor."

I expect I shall be saying more about spring in my next letter, but as you see the spring flowers and the shoots breaking forth on the trees. I want you to think of these two lessons for I am sure they will help you to appreciate it all the more.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE No. 215.

"Steps of Progress."

Congratulations to those who found the correct reading.

TEST No. 216.

This month I want you to get busy again with your Manual, looking up the Songs or readings which apply to "Spring, Sunshine and Flowers;" send along your list giving just the number and verse. We will see who can find the most.

THE HAPPY BAND.

The motto on one of my calendars for this month is an old one, but worth repeating for our consideration:

Do the work that's nearest, though it's dull at times.
Helping when we meet them, lame dogs over stiles,
—Kingsley.

Such service brings happiness to those to whom it is rendered and to those who apply it in everyday life.

With love,
UNCLE BERT.

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OUR LYCEUM GUILD

AIMS To be progressive, To develop ourselves.
MOTTO: "We Live to Learn and Learn to Live."

Dear Guildites,

Although this is an unusually short month (I am writing this on the 14th of February) I have quite a good list of new members for you. Here it is:—

J.437 G. Mack, Runcorn.	450 E. Whitelock, Batley Carr.
J.438 F. Booth ..	451 M. M. Dams, Calgary.
439 Mr. Mack ..	J.452 M. Baxter, Quarmby.
440 Mrs. Mack ..	453 Mrs. Baxter ..
441 A. Richardson	454 R. Williamson ..
442 J. Cooke ..	455 C. Williamson ..
443 W. Cook ..	456 J. North ..
444 S. A. Booth ..	457 I. North ..
445 Mr. Cohen ..	458 A. W. Berridge, Chaucer St., Nottingham.
446 B. M. Spence, Charn- wood St., Derby.	J.459 M. Brackenburt, Heeley, Woodseats.
447 Mrs. Markham, Ashton- under-Lyne.	J.460 R. Backenburt, Heeley, Woodseats.
J.448 A. Markham ..	461 L. Sherwin ..
J.449 C. D. Markham ..	

A special word of greeting to our very first members from Runcorn, and Batley Carr, and also to our Guildite from Overseas, Miss Dams, of Calgary. We welcome all of you into our happy family, and trust that, like the rest of us, you will always try to live up to Our Guild ideals.

Finances.

You remember last month the balance in hand was £9 14s. 3½d., and this month I have received 1s. 9d. Junior fees, 18s. senior fees, £1 0s. 6d. renewal fees, 2s. for new badges, and 3s. 9d. for transfer fees (from Junior to Senior), making a total of £12 0s. 3½d. The only expense has been postage which amounts to 6s. 8d., so that we still have £11 13s. 7½d. in hand.

Renewal Fees.

There has been quite a good response to the demand for renewal fees. Guildites from the following Lyceums have paid them during this month:—Moston, Wallsend-on-Tyne, Wakefield, Birkenhead, Derby, Blackburn, Beeston, Dewsbury, Bacup, Huddersfield (Ramsden St.), Quarmby and Sheffield (Heeley Woodseats). Thanks very much indeed for the prompt way in which you have responded.

To Junior Members.

I am so glad to learn that you read Our Guild article. I know that because five of you have sent in your transfer fees, and are now full-blown Senior members, while two others have mentioned it, and theirs will be paid next month.

My thanks to the Junior who wrote and gave me a telling off, I quite enjoyed every word of your letter, and didn't I chuckle to myself when I received your transfer fee from the Lyceum Secretary the next day. I'm glad it happened that way, or I shouldn't have had the pleasure of a letter from you.

Sick Guildites.

I have had word from Derby to say that Mr. Higgin

bottom is much better, but *still* in hospital. Could I ask some of you to be so kind as to cheer him up by sending a post-card to Ward III, City Hospital, Derby? Thanks so much, if you will.

I have also had a letter from Mrs. Monks, who says that Gwendoline is still seriously ill, and her life is very much in the balance even now. Gwen is only thirteen years old, and has been in bed for five months, and is still subject to very severe heart attacks. Her mother thinks she is losing heart now; so would you help her by dropping a cheery post-card to G. Monks, 4, West St., Wath-on-Deerne, Yorks? You younger Guildites might do this, *but* out of your own spending money please. It won't cost you much especially if a few of you club together, but you've no idea how much pleasure it will give to the recipient.

Arisen Guildite.

It has been brought to my notice that Guildite 384, William Railton, of Blackburn, passed to the Higher Life on Thursday, January 17th, aged 16 years after suffering from pneumonia for one week. He showed promise of becoming an ardent Lyceumist and Spiritualist. I am sure that every one of you will join with me in extending heartfelt sympathy to his relations, and good wishes to him in his new life.

To Student Guildites.

Just over two months left to you for your final preparations for the 1935 examination. I do hope that you are all working your very hardest, for that is the only way by which you can ensure success. Don't give up now, but carry on right to the end, in spite of any obstacles that may come your way. Remember, it is patient plodding that does it—not spasmodic jerks.

Canadian News.

I was very pleased to receive a letter from Mrs. Rushton of Calgary as well as from our new Guildite from there. They each tell me of the terribly cold weather they have had since the beginning of December. Miss Dams says "When I got up this morning (Jan. 23rd) it was 15° below zero, and the sky a leaden grey colour. Towards noon a rift appeared at the western horizon—a beautiful blue showing through. As the arch grew it became warmer and warmer. Suddenly the sun burst through the edge throwing a golden glint over the sparkling snows that roll away in billowing waves. The temperature is now 10° above zero—and so we rejoiced in the glory of another Chinook." Mrs. Rushton also tells me that the Chinook winds (which I used to read about in geography books) sometimes change the temperature 65° in two or three hours, and sometimes last for that length of time or even two or three weeks, and make a nice break in a cold winter.

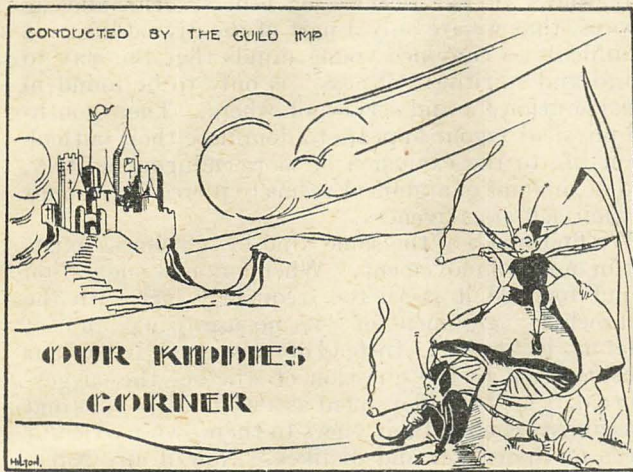
There is no news from anyone at Windsor, Ontario, this month.

Good wishes to all of you, but especially to those who are busy studying.

The Guild Leader,

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Free School Lane,
Halifax.

G. M. HALLIDAY.



Dear Little Imps,

Don't the weeks fly by? We have scarcely recovered from bringing in the New Year, before Spring-time comes bringing in all of her new things and creatures. February brought us her snowdrops, and I'm quite certain that the first sunny day this month will show peeping Pussy Willows and tasselled twigs of Hazel, besides a host of other impatient newcomers. March always seems such a busy, hustling month whilst the wind's big broom sweeps away the Winter and makes room for Spring. No wonder we all feel impatient for the sunny days ahead!

THE KNOCKERS-UP.

The wind sent the few dried leaves scurrying through the woods. The leaves had rested there all through the winter and would gladly have stayed until next winter, but the brisk March wind had better plans. "Run away, you poor little things. Spring-time won't want you in the woodlands. The new green shoots are wanting to grow and you hinder them. Move along quickly, now!" The leaves rustled sadly. "Nobody seems to want us," said one. "That's true," replied another. "Only last year we were the fresh green leaves that every one admired, and now, though we are only one year old, we are told to make room for other leaves. It's not fair." The wind laughed gently. "You didn't talk like that last year, little leaf. Then *you* wanted everyone to be able to watch you unfolding. All the new leaves feel like that this year, you know." "That's quite right," answered another leaf. "I don't mind moving to make room for my young brothers, but I do hate to feel that I'm good for nothing. I wish I could do something useful." "Just what we think," chorus'd a crowd of brown, withered leaves.

The wind was silent for a moment and then he chuckled with glee. "I have it!" he cried. "Shall I give you work to do?" "Yes! Yes!" called out the leaves eagerly. "I'll make you all into 'knockers-up.' That will keep you busy for a little time," said the wind. "Knockers-up?" echoed the leaves, "Whatever do you mean? How can we be funny things like that? We don't even know what they are." The wind listened to their questions and then said, "A knocker-up is somebody who goes around wakening people up in time for their work. That is what you will all do for me." "But there aren't any people in

this wood," objected one leaf. "Oh-oh!" said the wind, "I know quite a few and they are all fast asleep at this minute. I want you to waken up for me the dormice, and the hedgehogs, and the squirrels, and the rabbits, and any one else you can find. Now, are you ready? Will you be my knockers-up?"

A chorus of "I will, I will," answered the wind. "Right!" he replied. "I will blow you gently around the wood, near to the ground, so that you can call at all the houses you can find and waken every one you can see or hear." The wind gave a mighty puff, and away went the leaves, twisting and turning, as they looked for houses. When the leaves had travelled a little way the wind let them rest, and, would you believe it, almost every leaf found itself at somebody's door.

Prickly-back, the hedgehog, was the first one to be wakened. He felt something tickling his nose and when he could stand it no longer, he opened his eyes and saw his visitor, a poor looking dried up leaf. "Goodness gracious me! Whatever do you want at my door?" he cried. "Mr. Wind sent me to waken you up," said the leaf. "It is March, you know, and you ought to be up and about." "Thank you, Mr. Leaf," said the hedgehog, "I'll be out and looking for my breakfast before you have found my brother."

The leaf hurried on the next puff of wind to his next call. The hare stretched himself when his nose was tickled and in answer to the leaf's call said, "Bless my whiskers, I believe you are right, I feel so hungry and I look so thin that it must be March, I'll soon be out." Away he scurried, almost knocking the leaf aside in his hurry. The leaf sped on. He stumbled into a burrow and tickled the noses of both Mr. and Mrs. Brown Rabbit. They shook their heads at first, and said, "Surely you are mistaken, it can't be March already." "It is really March," said the leaf. "Dear, dear, dear!" said Mrs. Brown Rabbit, "I must hurry with my spring cleaning before the new babies come to our home."

Every leaf could tell the same kind of tale. They just found out houses and then tickled noses. It was surprising how easily everybody wakened when their nose was tickled. Some leaves crept into ground homes, some flew into tree homes, but they had a lovely time and Mr. Wind was delighted at the success of his plans. Soon the wood was alive with newly awakened creatures, all happy to welcome the Spring. The leaves thought they had finished their work, until somebody said "Have you seen any dormice out yet?" Not one could be seen and then indeed the fun did commence. It was easy enough to find out the dormice, but to awaken them was quite a different matter. The leaves tickled and tickled again and again, but the sleepyheads only blinked and turned over to sleep again. The leaves were almost in despair. They couldn't pull the tails of the dormice because they hadn't any hands to pull with and the mice hadn't any tails to pull. So the leaves just tickled and tickled, until at last, even the sleepy dormouse crept from his home to have the sleep blown from his eyes by the laughing wind.

The wind was content, the leaves were happy and as Spring brought out her new babies the old leaves sank to rest, having thoroughly enjoyed their new game of tickling noses.

Care to try it, Imps?

Lots of love,
MEG.

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"FIT" TO SUCCEED.

THERE is a widespread belief in what is commonly called the law of self preservation which may easily be translated as self first. Now there can be little doubt that we do owe a duty to ourselves and that this duty should be scrupulously carried out. It is also true that in performing such duty our own particular self is apt to take on an exaggerated appearance of importance that may not be justified, and we fall easy victims to the insidious selfishness that is so general amongst men and women. Just as it is easy to make the mistake of thinking of our own importance in an exaggerated way, so likewise is it easy to make the same error regarding the particular things with which we are associated—our home—our school—our town—our country etc.

In the *Lyceum Manual* there are statements which admirably illustrate the point of view we have in mind. "On this error—that a man inordinately loveth himself—all sorrow dependeth" (Thomas à Kempis): "If we mean to act nobly, we must fix our minds on lofty ends and *not on what will happen to us because of them*," (George Eliot): "No man can be great, he can hardly keep from being wicked, unless he give up thinking about pleasure and reward" (George Eliot). "The man whose eye is ever on himself doth look upon one of the least of nature's works," (W. Wordsworth).

However difficult we may find it to justify and explain such statements as these we must all agree that the writers are persons whose wisdom has been generally regarded as of a high order, and whose views are entitled to respectful consideration. They certainly seem to confirm our own view that it is quite an easy thing to think too much about oneself.

On the other hand there is the pitfall of craven humility which, if not as common, is equally wrong. The first ambition of everyone should be self respect, we are told. The ideal at which we should aim seems to be, a dignified self respect and humility without arrogance or selfishness.

How then are we to arrive at this desirable state?

First, by making and keeping ourselves fit. Not only physically, but mentally, morally, spiritually and in every other possible way. Secondly by using

our fitness in the service of others, remembering always, that we are only a part of the divine life. It is difficult to convince young minds that the way to moral and spiritual "fitness" is only to be found in consideration for and service of others. Their youthful physical vigour appears to dominate their outlook upon life to the exclusion of more enduring matters, and no amount of argument seems to pierce the armour of their self assertiveness.

We find much of the same kind of selfishness existent in our own movement. When any new suggestion is put forward it is all too frequently met with the "parochial" argument of "its no use to us" or "of what use is it to us". Instead of pausing to give serious consideration to the question of whether the suggestion can benefit the movement as a whole, Lyceums and Lyceumists confine their views to their own particular needs or their likes and dislikes. Now if any National movement is to succeed it must be nationally minded not only at its centre but also in its units. However large and influential a Lyceum may be or however small and seemingly insignificant, its duty is to keep itself mentally, morally and spiritually fit and strong and to serve the whole of which it is a part. This means that its "thinking" must not solely concern itself or its own welfare, however important these may seem to be. It must strive to think in terms of the whole Union and let its actions and attitude be such as will serve or benefit the larger body. No Lyceum can always have its own way; in fact some may *seem* never to have their own way if they think only of themselves. But every Lyceum which, as a unit, is loyal to the whole, will make its own way that which is the way of the movement. It may not be easy and perhaps sometimes will hurt our "pride" in ourselves to make ourselves comply with the will of the whole when it does not entirely conform to our own view, but if we wish the movement to succeed that is the best way. Any other way leads to disintegration and dis-union.

We must keep ourselves "fit" to succeed.

EN PASSANT.

Why are all our A.N.S.C.'s and G.N.S.C.'s so inarticulate? Is it because they are complacently satisfied with having obtained their "degree," or have no thoughts worth the sharing? Contributions, controversial or otherwise, are always welcomed by the Editor of the "Lyceum Banner."

It would be very interesting to discover how many platform workers have come from the National Spiritualist College. Can the College Secretary give us any information?

Why is it that in many instances Lyceums and Churches do not get on harmoniously together? We invite our readers to express their views. No personalities, please.

How many of our readers have made up their minds to join the Propagandist Corps? Only one has written us.

We are pleased to learn that the Liverpool Lyceum D.C. are to hold another Eisteddfod this year. It is to be held at the Oliver St. Church, Birkenhead, on Saturday, 25th May. Items have been included in which Church members may compete.

We note with regret that our esteemed contemporary *The Two Worlds* uses the heading "Lyceums face a Crisis" in quoting from our leading article last month. The Lyceum movement has passed its crisis and is now on the way to recovery. Scare headlines are neither kind or helpful.

The Balance Sheet of the London Lyceum D.C. shows a total balance in hand of £23 0s. 7d., and the various activities of the Council appear to be in a thriving condition.

Our 10,000 Shilling fund is open. Contributions should be sent to the Restoration Fund Secretary and will be acknowledged in the pages of the "Lyceum Banner."

We are asked to draw attention to the World Meditation Groups. Small groups are being formed all over the world to meet on Thursdays only, all linked up by the Group Symbol, a golden Star, for half an hour's silent meditation on Peace and Light on all planes of existence.

The aim of this mass concentration is to contact evil thought forces, seen and unseen, and turn them into higher channels, freeing the world from its greatest menace to peace and progress, and paving the way for a new revelation of Truth which the world now awaits. For all particulars apply to Hon. Sec., 68, St. Mary's Mansions, London, W.2.

Application is only invited from those who have practiced meditation and are willing to form a Group, however small, and join this world Movement to assist evolution in this critical stage.

PEARLS.

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error wounded writhes in pain,
And dies among her worshippers.

Bryant.

True love in this differs from gold and clay.
That to divide is not to take away.

—Shelley.

True modesty does not consist in an ignorance
of our merits, but in a due estimate of them.

—J. C. Hare.

Friendships are like shadows; they deepen and
strengthen in the setting sun of life.

No task is too mean or too small for the great and
wise to perform.

There is no burden so heavy and yet withal so
easily removed, as the burden of ignorance.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Charity may be defined as liberality in judging men and their actions; or as the donating sums of money for benevolent purposes. Home may be said to be either one's immediate surroundings or one's own country.

This narrow interpretation of the word 'home' has caused much evil. Charity in a limited sense is taught to children by their parents. Children are asked to show good-will and to perform charitable acts in their home life. Thus, this good-will and charitableness is generally confined to a small circle and is seldom extended to the more important group, the community.

The narrow interpretation of the word 'home' was exemplified by the attitude of the nations after the Great War. It is largely responsible for the situation in Germany to-day. The Great War caused many lands to be laid waste and much property to be destroyed. When the reconstruction of towns and countries began there rose up national feelings and 'patriotic' ideals. Reconstruction was made a purely domestic concern. Everywhere there was a need for a saviour and everywhere the saviour was found in he who advocated the idea of a National state. Tariff barriers were erected, and immigration laws were tightened. Every country seemed influenced by the philosophy that, in its narrow and crudest sense, "Charity begins at home."

The Report of the World Economic Committee now shows that tariff barriers and immigration laws are to be deprecated. They have had a deplorable effect on the interchange of commodities between countries. Countries have suffered much from unemployment, due, perhaps, to some extent to the belief that Charity began at Home.

During the latter half of the eighteenth century Thomas Paine defined his "Home" as the World and his "Country" as the Universe. Only if we accept this view should we say that Charity begins at Home.

To-day there is, perhaps, a greater need of Charity than hitherto; the World needs reconstructing badly, and this can only be done by men of good-will and charitableness.

Discrimination should be used when considering the narrow interpretation of Charity. There is no doubt that generosity towards causes is actuated by charitable feelings. There are certain social evils kept alive by this class of Charity. 'Charity' sometimes administers not a panacea but a narcotic to these evils; while the evil is subdued for a time the real cause continues to exist. This kind of Charity ought to be minimized, and the nobler Charity exercised.

Charity, carefully administered, is to be commended, for the World would indeed be the poorer by the loss of good-will to all men and all nations. Let us bear this in mind when considering our relationship to the Union to which we belong. For does not the Manual inform us of the fact that "There is a chain of fraternal love and sympathy which links all together in one family, reaching back to all who have lived on this earth in all times and nations, reaching upwards to heaven's immortal heights, and down to the lowest of the low. Let us remember this, and whilst we reach to those above us, also extend a hand to those below, and draw them up also."

REGINALD ROBB.

OUR RESTORATION FUND.

To all Lyceumists,

I would like to express my deep appreciation of the many encouraging letters which I have received this year from the different Lyceums, Lyceumists and friends. The goodwill and kind thoughts expressed have amply rewarded me for any efforts I have made on behalf of the Restoration Fund. The co-operative spirit shown is very gratifying, and I feel sure that in the hearts of all Lyceumists, despite the poor conditions of some of our Lyceums, the Lyceum Movement finds a very deep response.

The following extract from a letter received this week is an example of this spirit and shows what can be done if we have the right "feeling" for our Movement:—

"Please find enclosed P.O. for £1 1s. 3d., *re* sale of emblems, truly wishing it was twice as much. Conditions are none too good, and we are only 29 all told."

Up to date the majority of Lyceums have not forwarded their donations. I hope I am right in presuming that these Lyceums are doing their best to dispose of all the Buttercups.

Founders' Day Donations. Flower Day.

Our very best thanks are due to the following Lyceums:—

West Houghton Lyceum, per Mr. W. Wignall, 7s.; Hackney Lyceum, per Miss I. Wenborn, 3s. 8d.; Beeston, Notts., Lyceum, per Miss M. Harrison, 6s.; Quarmby Lyceum, per Mr. H. Baxter, 7s. 11d.; Rochdale Baillie St. Lyceum, per Mr. T. Plater, 8s. 6d.; Warrington Lyceum, per Mr. Gledhill, 15s.; Newburn-on-Tyne per Mrs. B. Morris, 2s.; Newcastle, Benwell St., per Mr. E. Davy, 1s. 9d.; Hull, Dairy-cotes Lyceum, per Mrs. Barker, 2s. 6d.; Stockport Lyceum, Chatham St., per Mrs. Springate, 10s. 6d.; Tottenham and Edmonton Lyceum, per Miss L. Canfield, 4s. 6d.; Cheetham Hill, per Miss W. Wedlock, 3s. 10d.; Carlisle Lyceum, per Mrs. Jackson, 10s.; Collyhurst Lyceum, per Miss Temple, 4s. 6d.; Ramsden St., per Miss B. Lee, 12s. 6d.; Scunthorpe Lyceum, per Miss I. Sprakes, 4d.; Barnsley, Royston St. Lyceum, per Mrs. Waugh, 5s. 6d.; Crewe National Spiritualist Church, per Mr. C. Gawthorne, 5s. 6d.; Bacup Lyceum, per Mr. S. Carter, 7s. 3d.; Bury Lyceum, per Mr. F. Oseman, 7s.; Seaham Harbour Lyceum, per J. H. Anderson, 2s. 7½d.; Hebden Bridge Lyceum, per J. R. Varley, 4s. 11d.; Manor Park Lyceum, per J. K. Ward, 6s. 3d.; Kingston Lyceum, per Mrs. A. E. New, 2s. 6d.; Darnall Lyceum, per W. Newton, 3s. 9d.; Rochester Square Lyceum, per H. M. Lett, 2s. 9d.; Keighley Lyceum, per W. Pullan, 2s. 6d.; Stretford Lyceum, per Miss B. Miller, 4s. 6d.; Halifax, Alma St. Lyceum, per Mr. P. Chapman, 12s. 6d.; Southport Lyceum, per Mr. T. Parkey, 9s. 6d.; Macclesfield Lyceum, per Mrs. H. Rushton, £1 16s. 0d.; Leek Lyceum, per Mr. C. Harrison, 5s.; Hull, Holborn Hall Lyceum, per A. Buckton, 2s. 3d.; Monkwearmouth Lyceum, per Mr. F. Scott, 11s.; Acerington, Pearl St. Lyceum, per W. Taylor, 6s. 3d.; Liverpool, Temple of Light Lyceum, per Miss V. Garner, 4s.; Brighouse Alliance Lyceum, per Miss A. Haigh, 5s.; Rishton Lyceum, per Miss

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Donations.

Wigan Lyceum, per Mr. H. Anderton, 3s. 9d.; Peckham Lyceum, £1 10s.; Mr. W. Wignall, 7s. 6d.; Rotherham Lyceum, per B. Britton, 2s.; Mr. T. H. Wright, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Dean, 4s. 6d. Total £2 13s. 3d.

Founders' Day Collections.

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LILLIE GEORGE.

Hon. Secretary, Restoration Fund.

TRANSITION.

We regret to report the passing to the higher life of Mrs. Holdroyd on 30th January. She was 71 years of age and the oldest member of the Hebden Bridge Lyceum, and was also a much esteemed member of the Church. Her physical body was interred at Heptonstall Slack Cemetery, the service being conducted by Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, J.P.

WEDDING AT PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.

The first wedding at a Lyceum Session was solemnized on Sunday afternoon, January 27th, when Mary Marjorie Hayward was united to Edward Walker Dibble. Mary, the daughter of Mrs. A. E. Gifford (formerly Hayward), had been Lyceumist at Portsmouth Temple for many years, and during the past few months had assumed Conductorship of the Lyceum recently started at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

She had chosen for her bridesmaids the Misses Clara and Olive Stuart Jones, Lyceumists at Portsmouth, both of whom are group leaders of many years standing. A guard of honour of 18 Lyceumists also attended her, these forming a bevy of beauty as they held silver and beribboned wands creating an archway from the Church door to the roadway, through which the happy pair passed after the ceremony.

The officiating minister was Mr. A. G. Newton, Dipl. S.N.U., of Southampton, who took the service outlined in the Manual. The Church was packed with Lyceumists, Church members and relatives, many of whom travelled great distances for the ceremony.

The bride, gowned in white satin with veil and wreath, looked radiantly happy as she entered the Church on the arm of her brother, Eric Hayward, of the Royal Air Force. She and her two bridesmaids carried shower bouquets.

Mr. C. Gifford acted as best man, while Mr. S. Lawrence officiated at the organ, and rendered appropriate bridal music. After the usual photographs had been taken 100 guests were assembled at the Conservative Hall in Victoria Road South to toast the happy pair, the bridesmaids and others. Happy, humorous and serious speeches were given until the time for the departure of the wedded couple arrived. Bride, bridegroom and bridesmaids all responded to the toasts, and the benefit of their Lyceum training was very evident by any absence of nervousness and the sincerity of easy expression. J. McFARLANE.

(We regret that expense prevents us from reproducing an excellent group of the bridal party.—EDITOR).

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

Will all intending students for the advanced grades please note that the College has brought the remaining stock of "Hints to Students of Spiritualism," and "The Seven-Pointed Star"?

These may be obtained from me at the usual price, namely:

Hints to Students, 6d. (post free 7½d.)

Seven-Pointed Star, 3d. (post free 4d.)

G. HALLIDAY, Secretary.

28, Moorlands Place,

Free School Lane,

Halifax.

THANKS.

We are pleased to acknowledge donations to the General Funds of the Union from the following Lyceums, District Councils, etc. Liverpool Daulby Hall, £1 1s.; Mr. H. Barnes, Area D. Representative, 5s. 6d.; F. D., Southsea, 6d.; Barrow, Dalkeith Street, 5s.; Manchester and Salford L.D.C., 8s.; Handsworth Forward Lyceum 5s.

We extend our gratitude to these Lyceums for their kindly thought and welcome assistance.

A. MILLS,

Gen. Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor,
LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,

On Feb. 4th I wrote to the B.B.C. asking the reason why the Spiritualists could not have a service broadcast like the other churches. I proffered Sowerby Bridge Church for such, stating we could give them a service equal to the general services given by others on Sunday evening. I got the following courteous reply:—

"In reply to your letter of Feb. 4th, we have due regard to your suggestion, but would inform you that the Central Religious Advisory Committee is agreed that Spiritualism should not form part of the system of Religious broadcasting on Sundays. Yours, etc., etc."

In thinking it all over, it reminded me of a story I read many years ago. An old lady read in the Bible that if ye have the faith of a grain of mustard seed ye can remove mountains. There happens to be a large hill in front of her house, so taking the sentence literally, she prayed hard that God would remove it. Her faith was great, but in the morning the hill was still there; and she said "I knew it would be." Now when I wrote the B.B.C. my faith was not like the old lady's. I knew what would happen, but I wanted to satisfy myself and others that we were outside the pale. So our mountain has to be removed, the mountain of Prejudice and Vested Interest; for the orthodox system to-day is just as great a vested interest as any capitalistic system. In fact, both are a part of each other. Now what have we Lyceumists and Spiritualists to do to remove this mountain? By faith will it melt away? Certainly not; faith is a wonderful power and the world would be poorer without it. No; it is knowledge and understanding, also hard work. Every Lyceumist and Spiritualist should be able to say "I know," not from hearsay, but personal knowledge. To further strengthen our attack, the two Unions should be united in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill. "United we stand, divided we fall." When I joined the Lyceum 36 years ago it was understood that it was for all ages from 3 to 80. Nobody was too old to learn, even from the youngsters. But I am afraid that spirit is dying in our Movement. The founders of the B.S.L.U. were also the beginners of the S.N.U. But there are many new Leaders, who do not realize the great work that was done. I am convinced that the Lyceum Movement is just as important as the Adult one, both have their part to play in the movement we all love. I fear that there is a spirit of misunderstanding betwixt the Leaders of the two Unions. And they are letting Egoism take the place of Spiritualism. I am sorry, for I have a respect for all our Leaders; they are really all good and tried workers. Let me, as an old pioneer, make a suggestion, viz.—The two E.C. meet together and have a real friendly discussion, and begin the meeting with 10 minutes Communion with the Friends of the Spirit, asking their guidance in the carrying out of their work. For is it not their work we are doing in the world of Humanity? If they will do so I am convinced all will be well; and we shall thus help to remove that mountain of vested interest.

THOS. H. WRIGHT.

LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT L.D.C.

We held our A.G.M. on Feb. 9th, at the "Forward" National Spiritualist Church, where we had a very good attendance, being 23 in number, each Lyceum being well represented, particularly Smethwick.

The most pleasing part of our meeting was the presentation of the "Silver Bell" to the Wolverhampton Lyceum, who have succeeded in gaining 99 marks out of 100 for general efficiency, this being the fourth year of the Silver Bell Efficiency Test, the Bell being held by "Forward" for three successive years. Storchley gained 96 marks, and were the "runners-up," and promise to be the winners next year if they still retain their excellent officers. Mr. Tyler, of Coventry D.C., was the Adjudicator, and was very pleased with the efficiency of the whole of the Lyceums in the district and complimented all on the running of their Lyceums. The Election of Officers took place, with little or no change, Mr. Frost still being the President.

Altogether we had a very harmonious meeting and it is a real pleasure to attend. Wishing all Lyceums every success in future.

A. B. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD L.D.C.

The A.G.M. of the above D.C. was held at Quarmby on Feb. 10th, 1935, when there were present 11 delegates and 4 officers.

The balance sheet showed the total income was £8 13s. 4d. and expenditure £7 0s. 11½d., so that a balance of £1 12s. 4½d. was left in hand, while the bank balance was 2s. 0d.

Election of Officers. The following officers were elected:— President, Mr. Baxter; Vice-President, Mr. Ellis; Sec.-Treas., Miss G. Halliday; D.V., Miss Lee; Auditor, Mr. Baxter for two years; Delegate to B.S.L.U. Conference, Mr. Ellis.

It was unanimously agreed to vote in favour of the Rota Scheme for M.C. Meetings.

Final arrangements were made for Adjudication for Lyceums for 1935. Will all Lyceum secretaries please return adjudication forms to me as early as possible. Also, if you wish the D.C. to be officially represented at your Lyceum Anniversary will you please notify me of the date, if you have not already done so?

The D.C. asks for invitations for meetings in August and November, 1935, and February, May, August and November, 1936.

Our hearty thanks to Quarmby friends for their splendid hospitality and friendliness to all of us. May it not be long before we visit you again.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

LONDON LYCEUM D.C.

Special Lyceum Meetings attended by Council officers during the month: Croydon, Peckham, Wembley, and the opening of a new Lyceum at Tolworth. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends present to wish this new section success. We are pleased to note they intend joining the B.S.L.U. and local Council, thus adding yet a further link to the Western Group.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD L.D.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FEB. 2ND, 1935.

The A.G.M. was held in the Collyhurst Lyceum, commencing at 3-15 p.m. Mr. J. E. Hart in the Chair.

Roll: E.C. 4, Delegates 20 (representing 16 Lyceums), Associates 2. Total 26.

Appointments. Credential Officer, Mr. W. Taylor; Tellers, Messrs. Ashworth and Dennison.

Minutes and Correspondence accepted.

It was agreed that annual fees on 16 Lyceums be paid forthwith, accompanied by a donation, to total £2.

Negotiations respecting the South Manchester Lyceum were placed in the hands of the E.C.

Mr. J. Taylor was appointed as Fraternal Representative to the N.E. Cheshire United Demonstration.

Agreed that Secretary procure from B.S.L.U. terms for duplicating and "That this Council expresses willingness to participate in the M.C. Meetings Rota System, if, and when, it becomes operative."

The matter of declining membership is to be specially discussed at the July meeting, delegates being instructed to seriously consider the matter in every Lyceum.

President's address dealt with general apathy in the whole movement, co-operation and individual effort, B.S.L.U. Conference, new Constitution, amicable workings between Churches and Lyceums, Associate membership, efficiency of Lyceum Officers, instruction to children, and declining membership.

Reports.

District Visiting. All Lyceums have been visited at least twice during 1934. Generally, the standard is good; assistance required in some struggling Lyceums. Agreed that assistance be rendered as per special arrangements.

Secretary. Loss of one Lyceum and 143 members, decline of average attendance at meetings, successful Annual Sports, with balance of 10s. 5d.; Annual Council Social successful, balance 9s. 4½d., good representation.

Treasurer. Reported good financial year. Balance £4 17s. 4d., an increase of £2 14s. 8d. on 1933.

Pooling Scheme. Membership, 14 Lyceums and D.C., a loss of one Lyceum through closure. Income £24 16s. 8d.; expenditure £7 12s. 7d.; balance £17 4s. 1d. Efforts to be arranged by 8 Lyceums.

Auditors reported that all books and vouchers were correct and in good order.

Adjudicators report showed that Newton Heath and Pendleton Lyceums had been awarded 88½% marks and it was agreed that the two Lyceums should hold the Shield and the Silver Bell alternately for 6 months each. Agreed to continue the Adjudication Scheme with one visit per Lyceum.

Demonstration. Mandate voting resulted 6 for and 8 against. Defeated. All reports adopted.

Election of Officers. President, Mr. J. Barnett, A.N.S.C.; Vice-President, Miss B. Miller; Treasurer, Mr. C. A. Lloyd; Secretary, Mr. J. Taylor, A.N.S.C.; District Visitor, Miss R. Temple, A.N.S.C.; Assistant D.V.'s., Miss Lamb and Mr. Battles; Adjudicator, Miss Entwistle; Auditors, Messrs. Shaw and W. Taylor; Fraternal Delegates, Messrs. Barnett and Shaw; Conference Delegates, Messrs. W. Taylor and Barnett; B.S.L.U. Nominations, President, Mr. J. Slimin; Vice-President, Mrs. L. George; Treasurer, Mr. W. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. J. Entwistle; Recommendation for Area Nominee, Mr. J. Taylor.

Motions: (a) Constitution: "That the words 'and applicants must have been members of an affiliated Lyceum for not less than three years, during which period he/she must have held office,' be deleted from Article 10, Associates."

Carried nem. con.

(b) Standing Orders referred to E.C.

(c) General. Nil.

Meetings. May 18th, Longsight; July 20th, Collyhurst; Nov. 2nd, Harpurhey; Feb. 1st, 1936, A.G.M., Pendleton.

Any other business. Agreed to discuss the pooling of expenses per meetings and Rota system, at the next meeting. Mr. Lloyd presented the Council with a Presidential badge. Mr. Barnett accepted thanking Mr. Lloyd for gift. Agreed that 1935 sports Committee consist of the E.C. and one representative from each Lyceum.

The President moved a cordial vote of thanks to retiring Officers and for the local hospitality.

N.B.—Shield Presentation, Newton Heath Lyceum, 6-30 p.m. March 10th.

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

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Meeting held at Stockport on 3rd February. Mrs. E. Edwards, the President, extended greetings to all for 1935, and referred to the passing on of our brother, Mr. Marston, one of the founders of the Council, and also to the sickness of Mrs. Challinor and Mr. Downs.

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting read and confirmed.

Minutes of Sub-Committee for UNITED DEMONSTRATION on 13th July were adopted.

Minutes of E.C. read and adopted and motion re Education Scheme to be sent to M.C.

Finance Report by Mrs. Springate, Treasurer. Income down about £3, but we were able to carry forward £4 4s. 9c., just 1s. 2d. less than previous year. Auditors' report by Mr. H. Ennion and Mr. N. Cartwright.

Election of Officers. President, Mrs. E. Edwards, Stockport; Vice-President, Mrs. Moulton, Heaton Norris; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Springate, Stockport; Secretary, Mr. H. A. L. Markham, Ashton; District Visitor, Mr. N. Cartwright, Hyde; Auditors, Mr. H. Ennion and Mr. C. L. N. Jackson.

Result of "Silver Bell" Competition was given by the Adjudicator, Miss G. Ashton, of Collyhurst Lyceum. Macclesfield winners with 77 marks, Stockport runners-up with 69. A Vote of Thanks was passed to the Adjudicator, who was re-elected.

Council Prizes for 1934 Examinations. Owing to late issue of Result book we have been compelled to leave this over. However, the two students, Iris Plenderlieth, Junior Oral Grade, and John Hodgkinson, Senior Oral Grade, both of Ashton Lyceum, are to receive their prizes on Sunday, 4th March.

Decided we support the revival of the Rota Scheme.

United Demonstration. We ask all Lyceums and Councils to note the date, Saturday 13th March, at Hyde, and trust you will support our effort to bring before the public our Lyceum system and endeavour to open new Lyceums.

A Chart of Sessions and Services has been compiled and distributed to all Lyceums.

N. A. L. MARKHAM.

Possible number of marks 100.

	Macclesfield	Stockport	Ash-ton	Hyde	Heaton Norris
Punctuality..	9	7	7	8	6
Readings and Responses	7	7	5	6	6
Questions and Answers	6	6	5	6	7
Recitation and Pearls	7	5	6	6	5
Groups	10	9	8	7	6
Marching	8	7	8	7	4
Calisthenics	8	6	5	5	4
Singing and Harmony	7	8	7	7	7
General Behaviour	8	7	8	6	7
Efficiency of Officers	7	7	7	6	6
Total Marks Gained	77	69	66	64	58

UNITED DISTRICTS COUNCIL.

The Half Yearly meeting of the above Council will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 9th and 10th, 1935.

Will all Councils who are interested in the welfare of the B.S.L. Union take steps to ensure they are represented at this meeting, as the business is of extreme importance. The agenda is as follows: (1) Opening Exercises; (2) Pro-tem appointments; (3) Minutes; (4) Correspondence; (5) President's Address; (6) Reports; (7) Election of Delegates; (8) Open Council; (9) Date and place of next meeting; (10) Votes of Thanks; (11) Closing Exercises.

The question of declining membership in Lyceums is to be considered.

Councils are requested to forward their fees for the year.

Please write the undersigned re your intentions.

A. S. DICKINSON,
56, Berkeley Street, Nelson.

The Editor,
LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,

I have been trying to find a reasonable answer to the following question, and so far have failed; and I wonder if you would care to offer the pages of the BANNER for further enquiry?

Question: How does the principle of HONESTY affect the spirit directors in seances when physical objects (obviously possessions of some persons unknown) are "apported" into the room and kept by the sitters?

I have been told that the sitters are the people who should endeavour to find out the source from whence the objects come and return them, but this, in very many instances, is well nigh impossible; and, after all, the spirits are responsible for their own actions in removing (?) the objects.

I would be glad if you could spare a little space and seek your readers' opinions and suggestions on the matter,

J. TAYLOR.

AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

Copy for these columns must be received by the Editor 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, Pearl St.—Sunday, Feb. 3rd, Open Session. The following contributed to a very pleasant morning: Recitations; J. Shuttleworth, Jean Hilton, Muriel Taylor, Stella Wright, Walter Taylor, Miss Jones; Solos: Frances Laycock, Phyllis Edwards, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Fazackerley, Walter E. Swift. Duets: Jim and Madge Shuttleworth, Jean and Stella Wright, and Harry Shuttleworth and Billie Edwards.—W. Taylor, Sec.

BACUP, Feb. 3rd.—Conductor Mrs. Carter. Pearls: Mr. Turner, Mr. Lord, Mary McKenna, Joe Aspden, Gladys Holmes, Joan Patchett, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Halsall, Kenneth Halstead. Solos: Mrs. Lord, Gladys Holmes. Quartet: Edna Taylor, Evelyn Aspden, Edith Barton. Duets: Mr. Halsall and Harry Salts, Lillian Ashcroft and Alice Ashworth, Mr. Turner and Gladys Holmes, Mr. Ashcroft and A. Garard. Group: Douglas Clements, Percy Kemp, George Ashworth, Kenneth Halstead, Dennis Hollinsworth, James Taylor. Good Session.—S. Carter, A.N.S.C., Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—On Sunday, January 27th, we held our usual Open Session. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Mack, of Runcorn. Recitations were given by Misses M. Turner, C. Robinson, Mr. Mack and Joyce Entwistle. Pearls by Mr. T. Wood, Mr. Mack, and Miss Wolsthenholme. This being Founders' Day, our Session was taken from the "Lyceum Banner" and enjoyed by everyone.—S. Lightbown, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—Open Sessions on Sunday, Feb. 10th. Afternoon Conducted by Miss Novello Bates. Evening conducted by Mr. Fred Carter. Mrs. E. H. Rothwell assisted at both sessions. Recitations by Eunice Hough, Ivy Wigglesworth, Sylvia Higson, Elsie Storie, Edward Reay, Peter Connor, John Connor, Arthur Connor, Edith Connor, Dorothy Wood, Jimmy Carter. Duet by Novello Bates and Teddy Walsh. Song by Mrs. Ireland. Ilene Long, Vera Higson and Muriel Higson also recited.—E. H. Rothwell, Sec.

BORDER CITIES (Canada).—Feb. 3rd, Open Session. Questions and answers on the Recitations numerous; songs rendered by Mrs. Weber, M. Ralston, D. Hart, E. Carolyn and K. Carolyn; readings and recitations were given by J. Panabaker, W. Weber, H. Stott, Mrs. Seary, M. Ralston, K. Alexander and B. Alexander. Attendance excellent.—H. V. Stott, Sec.

BRADFORD, Milton.—Open Session Feb. 3rd. Recitations: Olive Hinton, Frank Hinton, Betty Glover, Mrs. Dibb, Mrs. Fowler. Songs, Miss F. Clayton, Jack Hird, Betty Glover, Alice Jubb, Mrs. Acres, Mrs. North.—Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—Owing to wintry weather, attendance on Founders' Day, January 27th, was disappointing, although those present enjoyed the session. The session was made more enjoyable still by items from Mervyn and Glyn Cowell, Audrey and Eveline Clements, Shirley Widdowson, Betty Bennett, Irene Hobster, Mrs. Briggs and Marion Orwin. Our Conductor, Mr. Heath, gave us a few words about 72 years ago.—S. Hobster, Session Sec.

DEWSBURY.—We had a successful time at the Men's Tea and Social, at which 34 prizes were distributed for the year 1934 attendances, by Mr. J. Whittles. Mr. Hargreaves (piano accordion) Mrs. Dyson, soloist, and Mr. Wright, elocutionist, gave enjoyable turns, also Pantomime arranged by Mr. V. Hartley.

A special Lyceum Session was held on Sunday, January 20th, to the memory of our own Dad Kitson. Special items were rendered by Mrs. G. H. Peel, Miss A. Bentley, Miss Dorothy Dunn. Miss L. Gregory conducted the session.

Founders' Day. Special Session was conducted by Mr. W. Oakes, and programme as per "Banner" taken. An enjoyable Session, everyone wearing their Buttercup. An abundance of solos, recitations, pearls, etc., were much appreciated, and helped to make the Session one of the best.—E. Wilson.

EARBY, Green End Avenue.—Feb. 10th, Open Session. Songs and Recitations were well given by E. Greenhalgh, E. Eaton, E. Clarke, G. Bradley, D. Eaton, G. Morby, Alf. Geo. Morby, E. Fox, N. Hodgkinson. Selection on the piano by James Dawson. Session was enjoyed by all.—Alf. Geo. Morby, Sec.

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The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Miss A. Brown, 109, Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham.

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G **Birmingham**, Handsworth, 2-55 p.m. Miss A. Brown, 109, Victoria Rd., Aston, Birmingham.

G **Birmingham**, Stinchley, 11-0 a.m., 1346, Pershore Road, Mr. G. T. Shakespeare, 1477, Pershore Rd., Stinchley, Birmingham.

G **Smethwick**, 107, High Street, 2-45 p.m. Miss A. L. Lane, 109, Sycamore Rd., Smethwick, Staffs.

G **Walsall**, Temperance Hall, Freer St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. Hollingshead, 11-12, Birchills St., Walsall, Staffs.

G **Wolverhampton**, Molineux Alley, Drummond St. 2-45 p.m. Mr. P. Warrilow, The Woodlands, Fox's Lane, Wolverhampton.

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E **Bolton**, 194, Deane Rd., 10-15. Miss H. Unsworth, 47, John Brown Street, Bolton.

E **Bury**, 166, Princess St., Rochdale-road, 11 a.m. Mr. F. Oseman, 69, Rochdale Rd., Bury, Lancs.

E **Horwich**, Chorley New Road, 2 p.m. Mr. E. A. Vernons, 136, Chorley New Road, Horwich.

E **Leigh**, Evans St., Mr. Gill, 205, Firs Lane, Leigh.

E **Radcliffe**, Railway Street, Mr. J. Castle, 90, Holland St., Radcliffe.

E **Westhoughton**, 10-30. Mr. W. Wignall, 6, Joseph St., Daubhill, Bolton, Lancs.

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D **Bradford**, Laisterdyke, No. 5, Laisterdyke, 1-45. Mr. F. Babbs, 5, Old Wesley Place, Lowmoor, Bradford, Yorks.

D **Bradford**, Milton, 16, Lansdowne Place, off Morley St., 10-30. Mrs. Fowler, 23, Glendare Road, Lidget Green, Bradford.

D **Keighley**, Heber Street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. W. Pullan, 84, Woodhouse Road, Keighley, Yorks.

D **Saltaire**, 7, Moor Head Lane (Saltaire Tram Terminus). Mr. Hopwood, 7, Albert Av., Saltaire.

D **Shipley**, Teal Court, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 46, Scarboro' Rd., Shipley, Yorks.

D **Windhill**, School Hill, 1-30 p.m. Mr. W. K. Pickard, 16, Penton St., Valley Rd., Shipley.

D **Yeadon**, South View, 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Slater, Ambleside, Belmont Road, Harrogate Road, Yeadon.

D **Bankfoot**, Progressive. Mr. A. Lightowler, 82, Marsh Street, Little Horton, Bradford.

COVENTRY DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. Burrows, 133, Craven Street, Coventry.

District Visitor, Mrs. E. Goe, 51, Browning Road, Coventry.

G **Coventry**, Bull-street, off Hertford-street, 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Miss J. Bull, 52, Newcombe Road, Coventry.

G **Coventry**, Broadgate, Cox Street, 3-0 p.m. Mr. Gaze, 61, Grafton Street, Coventry.

G **Nuneaton**, Norman Avenue, 11 a.m. Mr. L. Lockley, 50, Webb St., Stockingford, Nuneaton.

G **Rugby**, Pennington Street, 11 a.m. Miss E. Brierley, 64, Bridget St., Rugby.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Miss G. Halliday, 28, Moorlands Place, Free School Lane, Halifax.

District Visitor, Mr. W. Burrows, 50, Abbey Walk, Coronation Road, Halifax.

D **Brighouse**, Commercial St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss A. Haigh, 62, Brooke Street, Rastrick, Brighouse.

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.

D **Hebden Bridge**, Hope Street, 1-45. J. Varley, 21, Hill Crest, Hebden Bridge.

D **Huddersfield**, Ramsden St., 10-30 a.m. Miss B. Lee, 3, Hebble St., Bradford Rd., Huddersfield.

D **Huddersfield**, St. Peter St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Midgley, 13, Rose St., Turnbridge, Huddersfield.

D **Quarndon**, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 12, Harp Rd., 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 **Slaithwaite**, Hollins Glen, 10-30 a.m. Miss D. B. Whitaker, 111, Woodside, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.

LEEDS COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.

District Visitor, Mr. A. Daisley, Jr., 45, Middleton Park Square, Middleton, Leeds, 10.

C **Batley**, Hanover St. 1-45 p.m. Miss B. Hirst, 13, Warwick Mount, Warwick Rd., Batley.

C **Batley Carr**, Carr Street, 1-30. Miss V. Hey, 3, Hanover St., Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury.

C **Birstall**, Batley, Railway Terrace, 1-45 p.m. Miss Spenser, 21, Pickersgill St., Dewsbury Rd., Osselt.

C **Castleford**, Lower Oxford Street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. E. Bradburn, 14, Royds Ave., Airedale, nr. Castleford.

C **Cleckheaton**, The Old Robin, 1-45. (1st Sun. 2-30). Mr. F. Horsley, 8, Waltrloyd Rd., Westgate, Cleckheaton.

C **Dewsbury**, Wellington Rd., 10 and 1-45. Mr. E. Wilson, 2, Sharpe St., Dewsbury.

C **Heckmondwike**, Tower Street, 2 p.m. Mr. Saville, 8, Regent Street, Heckmondwike.

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. Miss Houlton, 27, Massey Street, Hull.

C **Hull**, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. Buckton, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Hull.

C **Kippax**, A. Bradburn, 14, Royds Terrace, Airedale, nr. Castleford.

C **Leeds**, Armley, Theaker Lane, 2 p.m. Miss A. Marsey, 12, Sugden Fold, Thekera Lane, Armley, Leeds, 12.

C **Leeds**, Psycho, 24, Brunswick Place, North St. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Heald, 16, Servia Grove, Leeds, 7.

C **Leeds**, Horsforth, Scout Hut, Broadgate, 3-15 p.m. Mrs. Eccles, 67, Victoria Gardens, Horsforth, Leeds.

C **Littleton**, Eddercliffe Road, Bradford Road, Liversedge, 2 p.m. Master D. Moore, 3, Upper Carr Street, Littleton.

C **Morley**, Queen Street, 1-45. Mr. A. Stevens, 11, Town End, Morley, nr. Leeds.

C **Normanton**, Queen St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Rothery, 30, King St., Normanton.

C **Royston**, New St. Mrs. J. Waugh, 6, Church St., Royston, nr. Barnsley.

C **Wakefield**, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side-entrance), 1-45. Mrs. M. Spurr, 44, Garden St., Wakefield.

C **York**, Spen Lane, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. S. Whitwam, 5, Poss Bank, Monkgate, York.

LIVERPOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mrs. Clitheroe, 39, Birkett Bank, Wigan.

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F **Birkenhead**, Oliver Street, 11 a.m. Mr. R. Robb, 9, Atherton Drive, Glebe Park, Upton, Wirral.

F **Chester**, Common Hall Street, 11 a.m. L. Evans, 9, Hartington Street, Chester.

F **Liverpool**, Daulby Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Creney, 36, Brelade Rd., Stonycroft, Liverpool, 13.

F **Rock Ferry**, 18, Nelson Rd., 3 p.m.

F **Runcorn**, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Conen, 12, Waterloo Road, Runcorn.

F **Southport**, 10-30. Mr. J. Parkey, 90, Manchester Road, Southport.

F **St. Helens**, Charles St., 11 a.m. W. Stirrup, Sheraden House, Liverpool Rd., Haydock, St. Helens.

F **Warrington**, Academy Street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. Gledhill, 50, Cumberland St., Warrington.

F **Wigan**, Crompton Street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. W. Monks, 12, Eckerley St., Whalley, Wigan.

THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

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District Visitor, Miss A. Pennington, 10, Westwell Road Streatham, S.W.

H **Bowes Park**, Shaftesbury Hall, Herbert Road, Bowes Park, N.22. 3 p.m. Mrs. K. M. Stroude, 20, Leabridge Rd., Clapton, E.5.

H **Brixton**, 143a, Stockwell Park Rd., S.W.9. 3 p.m. Mr. W. Holt, 15, Thurso St., Tooting, London, S.W.17.

H **Clapham**, Bedford Road, S.W.4. 3 p.m. Mr. Smith, 34, Solon New Rd., London, S.W.9.

H **Croydon**, Broadgreen Hall, Handcroft Rd. West, Croydon, 3 p.m. Miss Hall, 105, Bingham Road, Addiscombe, Surrey.

H **Eltham**, Co-op. Hall, Well Hall Rd., S.E.9. 3-0 p.m. Miss Eva Goodall, 76, Embleton Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

H **Forest Hill**, Beardnall-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Payne, 1, Wylen St., Honor Oak Park, S.E.23.

H **Fulham**, 12, Lettuce Street, 3 p.m. Miss C. Brinton, 79, Mexfield Rd., Putney, S.W.15.

H **Hackney**, 4, Sanford Terrace, Stoke Newington. 3-0 p.m. Miss I. Wemborn, 8, Canterbury Ter., Islington, London, W.1.

H **Hampton Wick and Teddington**, 37, High St., Hampton Wick, Middlesex. 3 p.m. Miss Pennington, 230, Kingston Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

H **Kingston-on-Thames**, Villiers Road, 3-0. Mrs. New, 82, Princes Avenue, Tolworth, Surrey.

H **Lewisham**, Limes Hall, Lime Groves, S.E.13. Mrs. Last, 91, Brookbank Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

H **Manor Park**, Strone Road, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. K. Ward, 17, Edith Rd., East Ham, E.6.

H **New Malden**, Park Road, Surrey, 3 p.m. Mr. E. Port, 21, Grange Rd., Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

H **Peckham**, Jausanne Road, 3-0 p.m. Miss Franklin, 80, Drakefell Road, New Cross, S.E.14.

H **Plaistow**, Cumberland Road, 3 p.m. Miss E. G. Mackinnon, 13, Prugel Street, Plaistow, E.13.

H **Rochester Square**, Camden Rd., Camden Town, N. 3 p.m. Miss H. M. Lett, 3, Corinne Rd., Tufnell Park, London, N.19.

H **Stratford**, Idmiston Road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Capper, 7, St. James Rd., Forest Lane, Stratford, London, E.15.

H **Tottenham**, and **Edmonton**, Linnell Road, Edmonton, 3-0 p.m. Miss L. Canfield, 29, Seaford Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

H **Tottenham**, 744, High Road, 3-0 p.m. Mrs. Peirce, 25, Trulock Road, Tottenham, N.17.

H **Walthamstow**, The New Hall, Coltbridge Rd., E.17. 3 p.m. Mr. E. A. Whiter, 6, Elmsdale Rd., Walthamstow, E.17.

H **Southend and Westcliffe**, Westboro' Rd., Westcliff-on-Sea, 3 p.m. Mr. S. F. Thompson, 108, Baxter Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

H **Wembley**, Union Hall, 3 p.m. Miss J. Ford, 119, Lonsdale Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT:

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District Visitor, Miss R. Temple, 427, Moston Lane, Moston, Manchester, 10.

F **Hollinwood**, Byrom Street, 10-30. Miss J. Fairbotham, 7, Balmoral St., Hollinwood, nr. Oldham.

F **Manchester**, Progressive, 38, Maskeil St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Ball, 6, Hartford St., Denton, Lancs.

F **Manchester**, Halliwell St., Cheetham Hill, 10-30. Mr. W. Wedlock, 36, Hovey St., Cheetham Hill, Manchester, 8.

F **Manchester**, Collyhurst, Oldham Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss R. Temple, 427 Moston Lane, Moston, Manchester, 10.

F **Manchester**, Durham St., Market St., Droylsden, 2 p.m. Miss Varlett, 14, John St., Droylsden, Manchester.

F **Manchester**, Harpurhey, 2a, Hilton Street, 2-30. Mr. S. Orrell, 12, Hall St., Moston, Manchester, 9.

F **Manchester**, Gorton, Garlick St. Mr. J. Collier, 17, Wharf Street, Droylsden, Manchester.

F **Manchester**, Longsight, N.S.C. Lyceum, Shepley Street, 2-30. Mr. Beeston, 24, Ellesmere Place, Longsight, Manchester, 12.

F **Manchester**, Milton, Eccles, Booth St., 11-0 a.m. Miss N. Catterall, 11, Hazel Grove, Weaste, Salford, 5.

F **Manchester**, Moss Side, 2-45. Miss Maclean, 39, Arnside St., Rusholme, Manchester, 4.

F **Manchester**, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Miss E. Graham, 44, Winnie Street, Moston, Manchester, 10.

F **Manchester**, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Taylor, 8, Hobson St., Failsforth, Manchester.

F **Manchester**, Pendleton, 3, Ford Lane, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Williams, 11, Lime St., Hightown, Manchester, 8.

F Manchester, Salford (Central), St. Phillips Place, 2-0. Mr. O. Tonge, 34, Islington Grove, Salford, 3.
F Manchester, South: Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Miss Lamb, 2, Henderson Grove, Manchester, 15.
F Manchester, Stretford, Watson Street, 2-30 p.m. Miss B. Miller, 56, Radstock Rd., Stretford, Manchester.
F New Manchester, Brunswick Chambers, 63, Brunswick Street, C.-on-M., 10-30 and 2-30. Mrs. V. Lee, 11, Weymouth, C. on M., Manchester, 13.
F Ashton-on-Mersey. Mrs. Turner, 16, Meadows Road, Sale, Manchester.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. R. A. L. Markham, 302, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

District Visitor, Mr. N. Cartwright, 122, Grange Rd., Hyde.

F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. A. Booth, 6, West St., Dukinfield.
F Congleton, Park Road, 10-30. Mr. Burgess, Antrobus St., Congleton, Cheshire.
F Heaton Norris, Baker Street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mout, 14, Glenwood Grove, Woodsmoor, nr. Stockport.
F Hyde, George St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. R. Lee, 43, Gt. Norbury St., Hyde, Cheshire.
F Leek, Labour Church, 10-30. Mr. Harrison, 6, Angle St., Leek, Staffs.
F Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
F Stockport, National, Chatham St., 10-15 and 2, Mrs. A. Springate, 52, Petersburg Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.

District Visitor:-
 Northern Section: Mrs. D. Grieve, 132, Ainslie St., Barrow-in-Furness.
 Southern Section: Mr. W. Duckworth, 32, Culodale Street, Burnley.

E Accrington, Pearl Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Taylor, 5, Castle St., Accrington.
E Barnoldswick, West End, Westgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. Shackleton, 41, Westgate, Barnoldswick.
E Blackburn, St. Peter St., Session 9-30, Liberty Group, 2 p.m. Mr. S. Lightbown, 56, Bower St., Mill Hill, Blackburn.
E Blackpool, Albert Road, 9-30, 1-45. Mrs. Rothwell, Milbro' House, 27, Ellesmere Rd., Marton Drive, S. Shore, Blackpool.
E Burnley, Hammerton Street, 10 a.m. Mr. J. T. Smithies, 13, Patten St., Burnley.
E Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Miss B. Laycock, 16, Renshaw St., Burnley.
E Darwen, Victoria St., 9-45 and 1-45. Mrs. D. Sutton, 96, Granville Terrace, Darwen.
E Earby, Greenend Avenue, 10-30. Mr. Morby, 7, Duxbury Street, Earby.
E Fleetwood, Oak Street, 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. Vollans, 38, Gordon Road.
E Great Harwood, Clayton Street, 1-30. Miss Shaw, 14, Lime St., Harwood.
E Nelson, Vernon Street, 10 a.m. Miss D. Bulcock, 23, Burlington St., Nelson.
E Padiham, Ightenhill Street, 1-30 p.m. Miss G. Brayshaw, 46, Moore Lane, Padiham.
E Preston, Central, Moor Lane, 10-30 a.m. Miss B. Nicholas, 246, St. Paul's Rd., Preston, Lancs.
E Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod Street, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 16, Henry Street, Rawtenstall, Lancs.
E Rishton, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss R. Ormerod, 118, High St., Rishton.
E Barrow-in-Furness, Harley St., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. Donkin, 6, Napier Street, Barrow-in-Furness.
E Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith St., 2 p.m. Mrs. Taft, 11, Hawke Street.
E Lancaster, Britten Hall, Bulk Rd., 10-30. Mr. A. Stephenson, 7, Whalley Rd., Lancaster.
E Morecambe, West End Rd., Mr. W. H. Moores, 72, Clarendon Rd., Morecambe, W.E.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary: Mr. L. Johnson, 44, Ednaston Road, Old Lenton, Nottingham.

District Visitor, Mr. G. Annable, 4, Lomas St., Hunger Hill Road, Nottingham.

District Visitor, Mr. F. Reynolds, Hurdville, Lindley Lane, East Kirkby, Notts.

G Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
G Beeston, Notts., Barton St., off Station Rd., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Harrison, 21, Dagmar Grove, Beeston, Notts.
G Derby, Charnwood St., 10-45 and 2. Mr. G. Spence, 268, St. Thomas Road, Derby.
G Eastwood, Co-op. Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-30. Mr. J. Naylor, 18, Bishop Street, Eastwood.
G Hucknall, Derbyshire Lane, 10-30; 2 p.m. Miss E. Pegg, 25, Connery, Hucknall.

G Kirkby, Mona Hall, Sherwood Street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Reynolds, Hurdville, Lindley's Lane, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.
G Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Southampton Street, 3 p.m. Mr. T. Kenney, 81, Coral Street, Belgrave Road, Leicester.
G Lincoln, Midland Hall, 10-30 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. Harrison, 289, High St., Lincoln.
G Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coltham St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. N. Willey, 23, Blasketgate, Lincoln.
G Mansfield, Dallas St., 10-30 and 2-0 p.m. Mrs. Dilks, 14, Ravensdale Gardens, Mansfield, Notts.
G Nottingham, Beaconsfield Street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Ferrill, 192, Noel Street.
G Nottingham, Chaucer St., 2-45. Mrs. R. Johnson, 44, Ednaston Rd., Old Nerton, Nottingham.
G Nottingham, (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church Street, 2-45 p.m. Miss M. Sharpe, 2, Malt Cottages, Eland Street, New Basford, Nottingham.
G Nottingham, Sherwood Street, North, 2-30. Mr. B. A. Marsh, 9, Ramsdale Crescent, Sherwood, Nottingham.
G Nottingham, Pearson's Buildings, 11-0. Mr. J. Rose, 13 Berridge Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
G Stapleford, Toton Lane, Mr. A. Wing, 11, Lot St., Stapleford, Notts.
G Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, 10-30 & 2. Mr. J. Hardy, 75, Common Road, Huthwaite, Notts.
G Ripley, Codnor & Dist., Victory Hall, Nottingham Road, 2-0 p.m. Mr. Webster, 6, Brindle Lane, Ripley, Derby.

THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT

A Edinburgh, E.A.S. Church, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, 1 p.m. Mrs. B. Houston, 6, Eyre Place, Edinburgh.
A Govan Association, Mr. Wylie, 4, Hutton rive, Linthouse, Glasgow.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Secretary, Mr. J. Le Noury, 153, Blackburn, Meadow Hall, Sheffield.

District Visitor, Mrs. Mitchell, 17, East Avenue, Rawmarsh, nr. Rotherham.

C Armthorpe, Mr. G. Worrall, 14, Laurel Rd., Armthorpe, Doncaster.
C Barnsley, North Pavement, 2 p.m. Mr. E. Denton, 36, Albion Street, off Grace Street, Barnsley.
C Barnsley, Grace Street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. E. Corbett, 1, Hereforth Hill Road, Barnsley.
C Barnsley, New St., 2-30. Mrs. Evans, 54, Tune St., Barnsley.
C Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 Mr. J. J. Hobster 32, Holme-rd., Stone-gravels.
C Doncaster, Catherine Street, 10-30 and 2. Mrs. S. C. Webb, 65, Elmfield Road, Doncaster.
C Doncaster, King's Arcade, Mr. L. Mitchell, 15, West End Avenue, Doncaster.
C Mexborough, West Street, 10-45 and 1-45 p.m. Mr. G. Haywood, 42, Albert Road, Mexboro.
C Rotherham, Percy St., 2 p.m. Miss E. Britton, 4, Spenser Rd., Herringtonthorpe, 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, 2-30. Mr. J. Le Noury, 153, Blackburn, Meadow Hall, Sheffield.
C Sheffield, Darnall Shirland Ln., 10-0 and 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Newton, 32, Wilstrop Road, Darnall, Sheffield.
C Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford Road, 2-45. Mr. C. Hodgson, 230, Edmund Rd., Sheffield, 2.
C Sheffield, Heeley, Woodseats, 2-45. Miss V. Spooner, 130, Chippinghouse Rd., Abbeydale, Sheffield.
C Stainforth, Mrs. Glover, Bungalows, Hags Wood, Stainforth.
C Thurgroft, Katherine St., 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. J. Woods, 56, Katherine St. Thurgroft, Rotherham.
C West Melton, nr. Rotherham, Barnsley Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. M. E. Farrar, 29, Hollowgate Avenue, West Melton, nr. Rotherham.
C Wombwell, Kelvin Grove, 1-45. Mr. J. Markham, 60, Station Rd., Wombwell.
C Parkgate, Ashwood Road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Gothard, 28, South St., Greasborough, R'ham.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, 97, Mayfield Road, Hampton Park, Southampton.

District Visitor, Mrs. Moule, 2, Netley Place, Netley Road, Southsea.

H Bristol, Providence Hall, Grosvenor Rd., 3 p.m. Miss M. Thompson, 9, Hereford Rd., St. Werberghs, Bristol.
H Eastleigh, Scout Headquarters, Chamberlayne Rd. 3 p.m. Mrs. Hill, 123, Desborough Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

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., 3 p.m. Mr. J. Jackson, 241, Wykeham Road, Earby, Reading.
H Ryde, Belvedere Hall, Belvedere Street, 3 p.m. Mrs. D. Perkins, 80, Well St., Ryde.
H Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. E. W. Long, 111, Firgrove Rd., Southampton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. H. Dewhurst, 7, Chestnut Place, Rochdale.

District Visitor, Mr. H. Shaw, Henry Street, off Rochdale Road, Bacup.

F Bacup, Christ Church Street, Todmorden Road, 10-15 a.m. Mr. S. Carter, A.N.S.C., 283, Newchurch Rd., Stacksteads, Bacup.
F Dearnley, Rochdale Rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. Wild, 6, Sun St., Durn, 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. J. Turner, 61, Evans St., Middleton. or. Manchester.
F Oldham, Central, 10-30 and 2-30. J. Woods, 3, Bexley Street, Werneth, Oldham.
F Oldham, Crescent, 10-30; 2-30. Mr. J. W. Orr, 6, Waddington Street, Oldham.
F Rochdale, Halliwell St. Mrs. E. Lord, 113, Newark Rd., Syke, Rochdale.
F Rochdale, Bailie Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Plater, 2, Kitchen Lane, Balderstone Fold, Rochdale.
F Rochdale, Baron Street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitchall Street, Rochdale.
F Rochdale, Regent Street, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. Cryer, 20, East Street, Rochdale.
F Shaw, Mr. Crowther, 17, Scowcroft Lane, Shaw, nr. Oldham.
F Todmorden, Eagle Street, 10-0; 1-30 p.m. Mr. B. Crossley, 3, James Street, Meadow Bottom, Todmorden.
F Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax-road. 1-30. Mrs. G. McConnell, 12, Bank View, Woodhouse Rd., Todmorden.

SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT

G Caerau, 2-30. Mr. D. Griffiths, 7, Carmen St., Caerau, nr. Bridgend, S.W.
G Cardiff, First, 18, Park Grove, 2-45. Mr. Silby, 48, Swansea Street, Splott, Cardiff.
G Newport, Albany Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. A. G. Hanham, 12, Capel Crescent, Newport. Mon.
G Tredegar, 3 p.m. Mrs. Halestrap, 22, Vale Terrace, Tredegar, Mon.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. E. Nellist, 17, Studley Road, Linthorpe, Middlesboro.

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

B Billingham, 2-30. Mr. Barrass, 6, Harewood Villas, Thornaby-on-Tees.
B Crook, Crown Rooms, Commercial St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. G. Simpson, 16, North Terrace, Crook, Co. Durham.
B Darlington, Psycho, 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. W. Sell, 38, Grey Street, Nestfield, Darlington.
B Durham, 2-30. Mrs. Walters, 70, Brocside, Belmont, Durham.
B Grangetown, W. Harrison, 128, Bessimer Street, Grangetown, Sunderland.
B Easington Colliery, 2-30. Mr. R. Thompson, 21, Thorpe St., Easington Colliery.
B Horden, 2-30. Miss G. Fox, 50, Eleventh Street, Horden, Co. Durham.
B Middlesbrough, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. T. W. Harrison, 101, Longford St., Middlesboro.
B Middlesbrough, United, Wilson St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Kent, 24, Aske Rd., Middlesbrough.
B New Shildon, Newlands Avenue, 2 p.m. Mr. W. Smith, 22, Beyerley Road, Shildon, co. Durham.
B Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick-st., 2-30 Mr. J. Miller, 36, Westbury Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, Co. Durham.
B Southbank-on-Tees, Mrs. M. Wells, 45, Beacham St., Southbank-on-Tees, Yorks.
B West Hartlepool, Charles 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, Bamborough Terr. North Shields, Northumberland.

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

B Ashington, Scouts' Hut, Old Lane, 2-30 Mrs Barton, 4, Hawthorn Rd., Ashington, N'land
B Craghead, Mr. Thos. Collingwood, 11, William St

- 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, Clarendon North Ave.
- B **Hetton-le-Hole**, Lowther Memorial Hall, 2-30. Mr. Hall, 21, Lincoln Crescent, Council Houses, Hetton-le-Hole.
- B **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Stafford, 53, Myrtle-st., Ashington, Northumberland.
- B **Jarrow-on-Tyne**, 101a, Ellison St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Holland, 17, Princess St., Jarrow.
- B **Monkwearmouth**, 2-30. Mr. F. Scott, 13, Margaret St., Grangetown, Sunderland.
- B **Newburn-on-Tyne**, Bk. Grange Rd., 2-30. Mrs. B. Morris, 15, Algernon Terrace, Newburn-on-Tyne.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mrs. Dodgson, 3, Macdonald Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton and Byker, Tosson Terrace, Heaton, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Wardle, 166, Trewbitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 6.
- B **North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley St., West, 2-30. Mrs. S. J. Robson, 53, Bamborough Terrace.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 58, Rye Hill, 2-30. Mr. T. Brown, 58, Rye Hill, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

- B **New Delaval and Newsham, Infants' School-room**, 2-30. Mrs. Johnson, 50, Middle Row, New Delaval, Newsham, Northumberland.
- B **Seaham Harbour**, Mr. J. Heaton, 69a, Bk. Church St., Seaham Harbour.
- B **South Shields**, Fowler-st., 2-30. Mr. T. J. Robertson, 64, St. Vincent St., South Shields.
- B **Southwick-on-Wear**, Clockwell Street, 2-30. Mrs. Mackey, 38, Southwick Rd., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.
- B **Sunderland**, 21, Derwent St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. John C. Douglas, 12, Azalea Terr., Sth., Sunderland.
- B **Tyneside**, 75, Hirst St., East, Wallend-on-Tyne, 2-45. Mrs. McDonald, 64, Laburnum Avenue, Wallend-on-Tyne.
- B **West Pelton**, Iron Schools, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Gutherson, 23, William St., West 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. Mrs. W. Jackson, 57, Creighton Ave., Raffles, Carlisle.
- G **Grimsby**, Kent-st., 10-30 and 1-55 p.m. Miss Ayscough, 65, Heneage, Grimsby, Lincs.

- G **Hanley**, High St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. P. Pemberton 9, Elnuria Rd., Basford, Stoke-on-Trent.
- G **Longton**, Stone Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. Horrobin, 2 Bright St., Adderley Green, Longton, S.O.T.
- G **Northampton**, 6a, Newland, 11 a.m. Mrs. Lawman, 27, Queensland Gardens, Kingsthorpe Northampton.
- Peterborough**, King St., 10-45 a.m. Mr. W. Ball, 143, Westwood St., Peterborough.

Oversea Lyceums.

- Calgary**, 1st Spiritualist Church, 7th Avenue and 3rd St., E. 2-30. p.m. Mr. Biles, 239, 29th Avenue N.E. Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Calgary**, Progressive. Miss Ford, 207, 15th Avenue E. Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Dunedin, N.Z.**, Trades Hall, Moray Place, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Asher, 76, Block's Road, Opoio, Dunedin New Zealand.
- Johannesburg**, Master Builders' Hall, Commissioner St 11-0 a.m. Mr. A. E. Hart, 241, Kitcheno Avenue, Kensington, Johannesburg.
- Methuen, Mass., U.S.A.** Mr. D. Moore, 67, Centre St.
- Winnipeg**, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Miss O. Forrest 377, 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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AROUND OUR LYCEUMS (Continued from page 45).

HORWICH.—We held our Open Session on Founders' Day, Jan. 27th, our speaker being Mrs. L. George, of Liverpool. We had a splendid Session, and there was a good attendance, including visitors from various Lyceums. During the Session Mrs. George presented the Lyceum Prizes. Our best thanks are due to everyone who helped to make the day such a success. Yours Fraternally, E. Vernon, Sec.

LANCASTER, Bulk Road.—We held our annual Distribution of prizes on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, when Mr. H. Hopper, of Blackburn, presented 50 books, including several Manuals, to 50 very happy children. We are glad to be able to report progress in our Lyceum.—H. Stephenson, Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—Lyceum Anniversary. On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, we held our usual tea and concert. Sunday, Feb. 3rd, during the Open Session, Mr. Nellist, of Middlesborough, presented prizes to the children. Mr. Nellist was also speaker at the Evening Service. Monday, Feb. 4th, we held an At Home. A very happy week-end was spent.—A. Massey, Sec.

LEEDS, Brunswick Place.—Officers for 1935: Conductor, Mrs. Ward; Assistant, Mrs. Heaton; Treasurer, Mr. A. Daisley; Secretary, Mrs. Heald; Physical Conductor, Miss Rudderham. Assistant P.C., Doris Betty; Captain of the Guards, Harry Ibbotson; Secretary, Mrs. Heald, 17, Servia Grove, Leeds, 7.

LONDON, Manor Park.—Tea and Prizegiving, Jan 27th. Mr. Wills presented the prizes. Medal winner, P. Ward. Besides prizes all children had gifts from a large cake.—J. K. Ward.

LONDON, Walthamstow.—A Naming Ceremony was performed on Feb. 17th by the Guide of Mr. J. S. Thomas. Efforts were good. A most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.—E. A. White.

MACCLESFIELD.—Sunday, Feb. 10th, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. The Balance Sheets of Banner and Buttercups were passed. Officers elected:—Mrs. Challinor, Conductor; Miss Hulley, Musical Conductor; Miss Kenyon, Assistant Musical Conductor; Miss Swindells and Mr. H. Johnson, joint Guardians; Secretary, Mrs. Rushton; Librarian, Mr. Magee; Captain of Guards, Mr. J. Bellfield; Guards, Winnie Cross, Marjorie Greateroux, Ronald Challinor, Harry Potts and Frank Needham. Leaders, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Rushton, Misses Cotterill, Downing, Hulley, Kenyon and Swindells, Mr. Magee and Mr. H. Johnson. Delegate for yeat, Miss Kenyon.—H. Rushton, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—On Feb. 3rd we held a very enjoyable Open Session, under the conductorship of Mrs. Harrison. Items were given by Doreen Bonsor, Nance Pierson, Iris Hudson, Clive Hudson, Maurice Peacock, Richard Broughton. Pearls were given by many Lyceumists and the singing was accompanied by our Musical Conductor, Miss Dent.—T. Harrison, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, we held our Open Session. Donald Lee, our youngest Lyceumist, age two years, recited "There was a little nigger." The children also rendered recitations, on the whole a very enjoyable session.—Miss B. Nickolaus, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL.—Open Session, Feb. 3rd. Conductor, Mr. Blackburn. Opening Invocation by Mr. John Bulling. Lesson, "Nature's Revelations." Recitations by Joan Rush-ton, Alice Fann, Mary Wixted, Harold Bulling. Pearls by Messrs. Whitaker, Haworth, and A. Stansfield. Pianist: Mary Stansfield. There was a good attendance.—Mrs. Whitaker, Sec.

RYDE, Newport St.—On Wednesday, Jan. 9th, we held our Lyceum Xmas Party. Father Xmas was present, and presented presents from the Xmas Tree to the children. Games were enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, Jan. 13th, we held our Anniversary Service. The Vice-President of the Church presented Attendance and Progress Prizes. Recitations and Solos were given, and were greatly enjoyed by all the visitors.—D. Perks, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We proudly announce that Mr. R. H. Hales has consented to be our Honorary Musical Director for life.—James Le Noury, G.N.S.C., Sec.

WIGAN.—On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, we held a Fancy Dress Carnival and Dance in aid of the Pooling Fund. There was not a dull moment all through the evening, and every one entered into the spirit of the fun. There were many fine characters represented, and Mr. Wood, of Wigan, was the judge. He had a hard task in selecting the winners of the prizes. Children's 1st Prize was a Dentist, 2nd Prize a Dutch Boy; Ladies 1st Prize an Indian Squaw, 2nd Prize a Chinaman, 3rd Prize an Egyptian Student. Gentlemen: 1st Prize a Fairy, 2nd Prize a B.A. cap and Gown, 3rd Prize a Mexican gentleman. Three Lyceumists gave a Song and Dance, which created lots of fun. Lyceumists, if it is possible for you to arrange a fancy dress Carnival and Dance at your church, try one on my recommendation if you want a good night's fun and enjoyment. A sad note was struck during the evening. News came of the passing into spirit of old Mr. Watkins, an old Pioneer of our Church, who was loved and respected by all who knew him.—William Monks, Sec.