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## OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PAGE.

In spite of the fact that the writing of this Month's "page" follows the most lengthy and strenuous M.C. meeting for some years, the matter dealt with will be brief as so much that was considered by the M.C. will be recorded in other parts of this BANNER issue.

### FINANCE.

The annual Balance Sheet and statement of accounts was submitted for consideration, and general satisfaction was expressed on its figures.

We must all remember, however, that its good qualities are only comparative, and much steady spade work has yet to be done before it can be felt that the Finances of the Union are really stabilised.

Definitely, however, we feel justified in the statement that the corner has been turned, and we have reason to believe that the Treasurer's interim report to Conference will give still further cause for satisfaction.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Regret was felt by every member of the M.C. that pressure of other business prevented an adequate amount of time being given to the consideration of the causes underlying our declining membership.

The matter was broached, rather hurriedly, towards the close of the meeting and, whilst several points were discussed, the general consensus of opinion seems to point to a need of amendment and alteration of policy throughout the Movement. A bringing up to date of our methods and teachings so as to bring them more into line with the advancing Educational system of the day.

Though to all appearances the Conference Agenda is a full one and time will be all too short, it is earnestly hoped that this vital question will have a place in our deliberations.

From its proper consideration some scheme should be devised that will lead to a revival of interest and activity in Lyceum work.

In a recent issue of the BANNER the statement was made that returns to hand promised well, and expectations were raised that the figures for 1935 would show that the decline in membership had been checked. The report in another part of this Month's BANNER showing a loss of 10 Lyceums and over 600 Lyceumists may appear to contradict that earlier statement.

It must be pointed out that returns from most Lyceums came in promptly this year and showed an increase over last year. There are still 3 Lyceums whose figures are not yet to hand. On the basis of last year's membership these would account for an additional 1163 Lyceumists.

### FUSION.

Reference to the all important question of Fusion with the S.N.U., Ltd., was made in our last M.C. page. Since then further developments of the matter have arisen, and we regret that there are evidences of determination in certain quarters to force the issue irrespective of the opinions of the M.C. or the Movement.

The M.C. and Trustees are giving the matter their joint consideration and the result of their deliberations will be made known in due course.

### CONFERENCE.

There is every indication that the 1935 Conference at Southampton will be one of the most important in the history of our Movement, and the Officers and M.C. express the hope that every effort will be made to make it fully representative.

J. SLIMIN, President.

## THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN MANCHESTER.

The Management Committee met on Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and 14th, in the Britten Memorial Rooms, Manchester.

Mr. J. Slimin, President, was in the Chair. All members, except Mr. Johnson, who was ill, attended the meeting.

After one or two questions on the Minutes these were adopted.

Correspondence showed several letters from the S.N.U., which were dealt with all together on the Sunday morning. An invitation to hold the October Meeting at the Darnall National Spiritualist Church and Lyceum was accepted.

Several District Councils favour the Rota Scheme for Management Committee visits, and the Finance Committee were instructed to formulate a scheme for

the operating of the Rota System. Those Councils who have not already replied to the letter sent out in January on this matter are to be approached for some definite reply either in favour or not in favour of the Scheme.

Arrangements for Conference by the local Secretary are well in hand and were approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed, to March 31st, Total Income £524 1s. 6d. Total Expenditure £290 11s. 10d. Wadsworth account to the end of March, 1985, is £444 16s. 7d. The Treasurer was empowered to pay £177 12s. 10d. off this amount.

The Union's balance sheet for 1984 was well discussed.

Under the General Report the Manchester and Salford L.D.C. were advised to approach the Manchester Group of Churches with a view to the two bodies re-opening the Manchester, Princess Hall Lyceum.

The Publishing Report showed that the number of Lyceum Manuals sold this year was higher than the number sold in the first three months of last year, but owing to the reduction in price our turnover is slightly less.

The circular advertising the Officers Manuals, sent out by the S.N.U. on our behalf, has resulted in the sale of Officers Manuals being well increased. We are grateful to the S.N.U. for their kindness in including the circular in their batch of matter circulated to the Churches.

The BANNER report was accepted and showed a slightly lower circulation than previously. In all cases where accounts are overdue the District Council is to be asked to assist in the collecting of the money.

Mrs. George presented the Restoration Fund Report. She stated that 80 Lyceums had not yet returned their cash for buttercups sold on Flower Day in January. **CAN WE APPEAL TO THOSE LYCEUMS WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE RETURNS TO DO SO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT MRS. GEORGE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A COMPLETE REPORT OF THIS FLOWER DAY EFFORT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

The President reported that Mrs. Helen Hughes has consented to be the clairvoyant at the Propaganda Meeting on the Sunday evening after Conference.

Two new designs for Badges are to be submitted to Conference for their decision on this matter.

The matters from the S.N.U., culminating in the motion *re* Fusion, printed in the M.C. Conference Report, were very seriously discussed, and finally it was agreed that we approach the Trustees and ask them to join us in a Special Meeting on May 4th and 5th, to discuss the whole of the questions.

The Management Committee also decided to amplify their letter to the S.N.U. E.C. regarding the Alternative Education Scheme, stating that the Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. at the present time do not harbour any suspicions against the motives or actions of the S.N.U. Councillors in the matter of an Alternative Education Scheme.

The Guild Report contained reference to the York Guild and Lyceum and asked for guidance in the matter. The M.C. instructed the Secretary to write to both Lyceum Secretary and Guild Leader on the matter.

The Education Report outlined the suggested alterations to the Education Scheme, as prepared by the Education Committee. These appear elsewhere in the BANNER.

On the advise of the B.S.L.U. Trustees half fees to the S.N.U. have been paid.

The U.D.C. Representative asked for the opinion of the M.C. on three points which were brought before the U.D.C. Meeting in March. These opinions have been given and sent to the Secretary of the U.D.C.

Applications from Wallsend-on-Tyne, Dunston-on-Tyne, and Goldthorpe were accepted and endorsed, and the action of the Finance Committee, in accepting, Bradford, Otley Road, Lyceum into membership, was endorsed. We welcome these Lyceums into our Union and hope that they will have a long, useful, and happy association with us.

The suggested Management Committee Report to Conference was discussed and accepted after the addition of a paragraph *re* Manuals.

The question of Falling Membership was well discussed and M.C. Members finally agreed that the only remedies that could be applied were local ones, as each district differs in application of the teachings, and economic conditions are so widely different in the various districts.

A. MILLS, Gen. Sec.

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## ABOUT MEDIUMSHIP.

JAMES LE NOURY, G.N.S.C.

(Concluded from April Issue).

If it is essential to bind a medium before admitting conviction as to the genuineness of the produced phenomena, why not similarly strap an inventor when he claims to advance further knowledge?

The second step of an investigator is to know something about his subject before any experiments are made. No normal person could dream of asking me to make up a bottle of medicine, simply because I am ignorant of pharmacy. Instead, a visit would be paid to a skilled druggist, who has his diplomas to show that he understands the preparing, compounding and dispensing of medicines. Before he was allowed to use or handle a single phial he had to learn what the contents were, what effects, causes, relation to other drugs were, etc. Likewise, in my opinion, every Spiritualist community should aim at not only giving proof of life's continuity but also to give information as to how, where, when, and why, that knowledge is obtained. Every examiner of psychic science ought to have at least a rudimentary knowledge of the laws governing the subject.

Lest illogical conclusions be jumped at let it be here said that everyone has the inviolable right to draw their own conclusions from the observed phenomena. Those who are destitute of psychic knowledge should not be allowed to dictate what the conditions of a seance must be, or even examine it,

One of the chief objections that our critics have to Spiritualist phenomena is that a medium is employed to get into touch with the sphere of life we term spirit. What is a medium? A medium may be said to be an individual whose bodily structure is capable of being used by discarnate entities. That use may be either physical or mental, usually the latter. In mental mediumship the psychic is able to receive impressions, and, as in the case of telepathy, not always from spirit people. This ability is due primarily to the sensitiveness of the individual, and they are sensitives because their rate of vibration is different to that of their fellows. Now what is meant by rate of vibration? We must, in the first place, be aware of the fact that all movement is a vibrational one. Each time we turn our head, move our feet, or perform any other physical act, it is due to vibratile impulses that are sent out by the brain, along the nerve cells. We thus employ mental activity in every physical movement, regardless of the fact of whether or not such act is done consciously. Not only do these vibrational actions take place within our own selves, but outside our physical organism as well. We are made aware of the existence of things that make a noise according to the vibrational range of our ears. Some people are said to be deaf because their range of physical hearing is more limited than their fellows. Similarly the eyes are limited to a range of vision. Light vibrations enable us to see, but we are often deceived by the imperfection of our eyesight, so that things that appear solid are not solid at all. Events that seem continuous are in reality a series of flashes and pauses, as in the case of the light from an electric lamp supplied with alternating current. Most of us seem to forget that our five senses are incomplete, imperfect, and limited. Hence modern science has to use telescopes, microscopes, microphones, etc. Different kinds of vibrations affect our different senses. Dr. Abrams, of San Francisco, had the idea that the body gave off vibrations, indeed, that specific organs and specific diseases gave off different vibrations, and that he could, by electrical means, interfere with these vibrations. He could make the body adjust itself to overcome disease by these means. He 'tuned in' to the vibrations of the body, with unquestionable results. Now working on radio principles medical-electricians have produced the ultra-short wave machines which are being extensively used in medical practice.

A medium has vibrations that are much higher than those used for normal purposes—or shall I say physical purposes. That by no means implies that a clairaudient is able to hear physical sounds that you and I do not; indeed, physically they may be stone deaf. Clairvoyants, and excellent clairvoyants at that, may be people who are physically blind. This sensitiveness does not therefore rely on the seemingly correspondent physical organs being in perfect condition. Rather this state of sensitiveness is a sixth sense.

Why does a clairvoyant see? They see because their psychic vibrations have been developed to such an extent that spirit people are observed. There are two kinds of clairvoyance, subjective and objective. If in seeing the vision of a spirit entity the physical eyes are closed and the vision still persists, then the vision is subjective or inward; if the vision be no

longer seen when the eyes are closed, then the vision is objective or outward. Not all sensitives see psychic things with their eyes; it would seem to largely depend on the nervous structure of the person concerned. I think it will be found that the most sensitive part of a medium is that part where they are most easily hurt. In other words, their most delicate spot is their sensitive part, and the one place most easy to impress. They are "finer" just there, and so the spirit people can operate on them to their best advantage where they are most sensitive. Some psychics see from the nape of the neck, many see from their forehead,—just between and above the eyes,—the place where a third eye in rudimentary man used to be—and some even from their solar plexus. It would seem that wherever a bunch of nerves meet, there is the place where a medium may develop their sensitiveness. The majority of sensitives seem to see from approximately the place of their ordinary vision; quite a goodly few, however, sense the nearness of a spirit rather than see. This sensing may be somewhat partially likened to walking into an unknown room in the dark; one senses the presence of the furniture. A medium may hear a spirit they do not see, and conversely see one they are unable to hear. Twenty psychics in a room may see entirely different spirit forms. This is simply because no two mediums are on the same plane or rate of psychic vibration.

It would seem that the possessor of a physical body has a large disadvantage in attempting to get into communication with discarnate entities. We are hampered by the wants and needs of our physical lives: our very thoughts hinder us at times from intercourse with our spirit people. A psychic has to rise above the physical domain, quicken their rate of vibration in order that they may tune-in to that etheric realm. On the other hand our friends in spirit have to lower their rate of vibration.

I often wonder, when the meeting has not been entirely a successful one, who is to blame? The majority of us tend to blame the medium. Methinks that many times it is we who are to blame. We have not allowed our sensitive natures to overcome the thoughts and desires of the world of flesh. We have not attempted to tune in. Is it fair to expect our friends in spirit to manifest their presence unless we are fully prepared to make the conditions good?

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### PEARLS.

Humility is a virtue that belongs to the great.

A spiritual life has greater riches than all this world can offer.

If thou wouldst command become first master of thyself.

Love and service are the foundation of true progression.

## THE PLAY OF LIFE.

“ . . . All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts. . . ”

“Very true,” you murmur, as you read this time-worn quotation; but have you ever considered just *how* true it is? Have you ever thought of Life as a Play and yourself as an actor? Sometimes your particular part comes into prominence—it is your ‘scene’ (or, as the talkies would say, ‘your big moment’)—whilst at other times your part requires that you retire into the background and leave the stage to another player. It is neither to be desired nor expected that one character shall dominate throughout. So, in the Play of Life, we each have a certain work to do—a part to play—but we ‘have our exits’ as well as our appearances. How often, alas, is this idea forgotten by many, well-meaning, perhaps, but misguided people who imagine that they alone can carry through the ‘Act.’ In the same way, it would be better for the success of the play if some remembered that they *were* members of the cast: those shy and retiring individuals who are afraid to assert themselves but who, often enough could fill in the right cues—and thus complete the story.

We are not acting all the time, but when our turn does come we should be well prepared to make our entrance and act our part perfectly. It is almost an axiom that in order to act well it is necessary to rehearse, long and often. But how many of us apply this to our lives? How many of us bother to prepare ourselves—seriously prepare—for the various tasks which we have to do? I do not mean to suggest that we should go through life giving every little task the air of a Labour Hercules: but how much more smoothly would everything happen if everyone knew their work thoroughly and performed it properly—instead of doing it carelessly with only a half-knowledge of the subject? It is never expected that amateurs will be as good as professionals—indeed, one of the praises which pleases the amateur is that he is ‘quite, or almost, as good as a professional’—so when you go to a theatre you expect, and rightly so, a more or less perfect performance. You are disappointed if the leading lady does not know her lines or if the hero makes love in a halting, half-hearted fashion. The chorus, too, are by no means neglected. They must all do their work well and at the proper time. A professional actor ‘gets there’ by hard work. Hours of practice, innumerable rehearsals must be endured before the actual performance can be presented. It is this preparation period which matters—it can make or mar the finished show. So we should make certain that our training is sound and sure. If we perform all the small tasks which come our way to the best of our ability, and take and *make* opportunities for improvement, when our ‘call’ comes we should step on the stage with confidence.

To any who may complain that Life is short and that if we spend a long time learning and rehearsing our part there will be no time left for the performance, may I remind them that we have all Eternity, both

behind and before us? So we need not despair, or shirk the issue but start right away (if we have not already done so) to try and ‘act the play of Life, not spoil it in rehearsal.’

The best actor is the one with the largest and most varied experience, and whilst this often suggests age, it does not necessarily mean that the oldest actor is the best. It is reasonable to suppose, however, that the more varied and numerous our experiences have been, the better equipped will we be to perform any part which may happen to fall our way. Thus an ‘old soul’ i.e., a soul with experience culled from many lives, will be more capable in an emergency than a younger soul with less experience. The ‘older soul’ will be more adaptable and will do its work more efficiently. It will be less perturbed by sudden or alarming change, and so be able to perform the task which presents itself with a clear, unflurried mind and a steady hand. Thus people who stand out, who undertake exacting tasks and perform them well, who are continually in the ‘limelight’ (excluding ‘society’)—in short, all prominent people of worth and ability are the principles in Life’s play, whilst the ‘small parts’ and ‘chorus’ are played by the less experienced souls.

We have within us infinite possibilities and if we will only attempt to unfold our talents we will quickly find ourselves coming to the forefront of affairs. It is not to be expected that we shall wake up one morning and find ourselves famous. . . .

“The heights by great men reached and kept,  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward through the night.”

But sooner or later we will find that our practice and experience have fitted us to play an important part. How much more confident we will feel when we know that our rehearsing has been thorough; and instead of attempting to act in a highly nervous state—and so giving a rather poor performance—we will undertake our rôle with the calm assurance that only knowledge can bring. The result most assuredly, will be a successful one, our performance will have brought credit to ourselves—besides having added to our experience and so further equipped us for fresh conquests.

So let us all enjoy the Play of Life, and in playing our various parts show our experience and prove ourselves worthy of responsibility and the joys of Eternal Progression.

M.G.K.

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## TRANSITION.

As the LYCEUM BANNER goes to press we learn with deep regret of the transition to spirit life of Marian Foster, a life-long member of Warrington Lyceum and the beloved daughter of two staunch and well-known Spiritualists, Arthur and Millie Foster. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all relatives.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

This being Jubilee month my thoughts turn to Kings and Queens. One of the first things which come to my mind is a very simple little song many of you have been or are singing in the infant class at school: "Lavender's blue, diddle, diddle, Lavender's green! When I am King, diddle, diddle, you shall be queen, Call up your men, diddle, diddle, set them to work; Some to the plough, diddle, diddle, some to the cart. Some to make hay, diddle, diddle, some to cut corn; Whilst you and I, diddle, diddle, keep ourselves warm."

Then there are the May queens we have just been thinking of, and shortly some of you boys will be standing on sand heaps saying, "I'm the king of the castle." With these ideas I am going to endeavour to show you how you can become real kings or queens of beautiful kingdoms.

Therefore I want us all to enter into this spirit of happiness which is now being created all round the country.

Flags and bunting flying, buildings ablaze with lights, fêtes and bonfires everywhere, bands playing, choirs singing, just dispersing gloom and depression and making the whole country gay.

I do not intend to play the part of a school teacher by giving you a history lesson on the lives of the various rulers, but I will tell you of an incident which happened to me a few years ago.

A little girl from Wales came to stay with Auntie Ruth and I, so I took her to London to show her where the King and Queen lived. To my great delight just as we arrived at the gates of Buckingham Palace a policeman waved us on one side because King George and Queen Mary were just coming up the drive in their carriage. I at once told my little friend what a lucky little girl she was to be able to see them so close to her that she could almost touch them.

They passed by, and I expected to see beams of delight on her face. Alas I was disappointed when I discovered a very sad expression. She did not appreciate the fact that the King and Queen were just dressed as ordinary people, for she expected to see them in beautiful robes and wearing their golden crowns. While we respect their positions we must remember Kings and Queens are just human people serving the nation, loving children, often visiting children's wards in hospitals and helping those in distress. If we can get this idea into our minds it will help us to see how we too may become real Kings and Queens.

I know this sounds a very tall order, but it is true that we may rule over a kingdom, wear beautiful robes, and live in a palace. How is this change going to take place, are we going back to those Cinderella days when some kind fairy will come along waving her

magic wand over us, thus changing us into other beings, or am I suggesting you go to bed and dream all these things, only to be awakened in the morning by hearing your mother calling out "you will be late for school if you do not hurry up."

No, it is nothing like that. I am going to put you each in charge of a kingdom. I will also give you some beautiful robes which you can please yourself if you wear or not. Then I will take you to your palace. The name of the country is Manual-land. The kingdom I want you to rule is the kingdom of Self, or in other words, your life, for herein you have the power to build a true and noble world from which shall radiate the power of love by acts and deeds of kindness; for you are the King and Queen of your own life. "My country is the universe; my home is the world; my religion is to do good." G.C. 103.

Then I promised you robes, will you turn to Musical Reading 217. "Beauty is the robe of divinity, spiritual love gives grace to every movement."

The palace is the home in which you live if you can fulfill the teachings contained in S.C. 7, "Make Home Pleasant." It is not the size of the building which counts, it is the greatest palace on earth if love and peace are found within its walls. In the opening song I quoted, you will notice there is one part which will not quite agree with our motto, "The Workers Win." We must not expect to make everyone work while we sit still and keep ourselves warm, if we want success we too must work to make our lives "The Kingdom of Love." If you are always wanting to fight your chums you must expect wars in your kingdom, so do try and rule by love.

I hope these lessons will prove helpful when you take part in the coming celebrations.

Answer to Puzzle 217.

"Musical Reading 206, verse 3."

Puzzle 218.

Where do we read:—

"Let the little children marching with their banners in their hands."

THE HAPPY BAND.

The dear old Hall of Progress,

The temple high of fame

We love it, aye, we love it,

For evermore the same.

During the past few weeks Auntie Ruth and I have visited some very fine Lyceum Sessions, where youth has excelled by the part they have played. Questions, explanations, and addresses have proved beyond a doubt the value of our teachings, but this spirit must run right through our movement. I am convinced it can do so if members of the Happy Band are ever ready to take their part in each session.

With love,

Ruberrondo,  
126, Woodlands Road,  
Isleworth, Middx.

UNCLE BERT.

OUR KIDDIES CORNER (continued from page 71)

sorry that the petals are wasted." Janet was about to show her the bonnet when she remembered that the fairy had said "I'll tell you a secret!" and saw that, to help her keep that secret, the bonnet had again become just a petal. Can you keep the secret, too, Imps, from the big folks?

With love,

MEG.

# OUR LYCEUM GUILD

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

Dear Guildites,

I have seven new members to introduce to you this month. So please note the following particulars:—

- J.469 D. Brown, Heeley Woodseats.
- 470 D. L. Phipps, Chaucer Street, Nottingham.
- J.471 R. M. Barrett, Chaucer Street, Nottingham.
- 472 Mrs. Wright, Daulby, Liverpool.
- 473 Mrs. Last, Lewisham.
- 474 S. C. Cameron, Lewisham.
- 475 Mrs. Embley, Rotherham.

May you each be happy as Guildites, and never be sorry that you joined our little band!

## Finances.

Not one of you wrote to tell me that I had better go back to school again, and learn how to do a subtraction sum. What a wonderful opportunity of telling me off you let slip by! When I came to draw up our month's budget I discovered that I had too much money in hand, and wondered why. Then I saw that I had written that 6s. and 4s. make 14s., so that our balance in hand at the end of last month should have been £13 8s. 3½d. To add to that I have received 6d. for new badges; 5s. 6d. entrance fees; 9d. transfer fee; and 14s. 6d. renewal fees; while the postage is 5s. So that the balance in hand on April 16th is £14 4s. 6½d.

## Renewal Fees.

These have been received this month from Newton Heath, Lewisham, Middlesbrough, Eltham and Rotherham, so that altogether 34 Lyceums with Guildites have paid their renewal fees. What about you other 13 Lyceums? Am I to understand by your silence that you no longer desire to be Guild members? I shall have to come to that conclusion, I am afraid.

## Transfer Fees.

One Junior member has paid the fee this month, and I have heard that two more are trying to save up the money needed, while two others have left the Lyceum owing to removal. That leaves 10 of you who have not replied to any of my appeals. Will you please send a post-card to say whether you intend to become Seniors or not? I don't mind what you do, as long as you do something.

## Sick Guildites.

Mrs. Monks, I am pleased to say, has written again and says that Gwen has been taken to the Lyceum in a bath-chair. I am sure that each of you West Melton Lyceumists would be overjoyed to see her again, and would be glad to know that you had helped in her recovery by the constant thoughts you sent her.

The "no news" of Mr. Higginbottom is, I trust, good news, and means that he is progressing satisfactorily.

Thanks to all of you who have helped with your letters and cards. Is it too much to ask you to carry on a little longer? I hope not.

## Guild Classes.

I have been asked by more than one Guild class to suggest suitable handwork for boys. Boys are a nuisance in this respect, as I know full well from experience. One thing that appeals to some boys—say 9 years of age or older—is rug-making, either the old-fashioned bit rugs, or the latest style in wool ones. Some expense is entailed, but if well and carefully done the work can be sold at a profit. Another craft is the making of wooden toys by using fretsaws. In the days of my youth, fretsaws were very popular for cutting out intricate designs on ornamental wall-brackets, or photo frames. But the present-day craze is to cut out animals of various kinds from plywood or thicker soft wood, such as Siberian pine. For five years now, in my everyday work, I have taken two classes—one boys only, and one boys and girls—for this kind of work. We have made many things, including a large Noah's Ark, a farmyard, a parrot balancing on a perch, movable toys on parallel bars, jointed animals (crocodiles and alligators) that pull on wheels, and at present we are busy making "pecking chickens," a sample of which I discovered on Shrove Tuesday at Lewis's. Of course, I cannot enter into full details here, but if any of you would care to attempt this next winter, I am at your service and will answer any queries on the matter. If you should try your hand with a fretsaw, don't be discouraged at the number of blades you are likely to break. When I was told I had to take a class for woodwork, I bought a fretsaw and a dozen blades on my way home and joyfully set to work. It was not long before I had gone through my stock of blades, and not even one shape cut out. Since then I have progressed, and do not use all my spending money in buying blades.

Leatherwork could also be attempted, if you have anyone in your midst who is proficient in the art. But, it is rather an expensive hobby. We have done it in my own Guild class, as I was able to lend my own tools and borrow others, which saved a great deal of expense.

If anyone has other ideas for boys will you please send them along, and I will broadcast them?

I have also been asked about outdoor meetings for summer. Given decent warm weather, I should never think of holding a Guild class indoors during the light weather. You could meet as usual and adjourn to the nearest park, or playing field for games; or a short ramble could be taken. Then you might have Saturday rambles, or if possible, follow the example of Derby guildites who have runs on their bicycles.

## To Student Guildites.

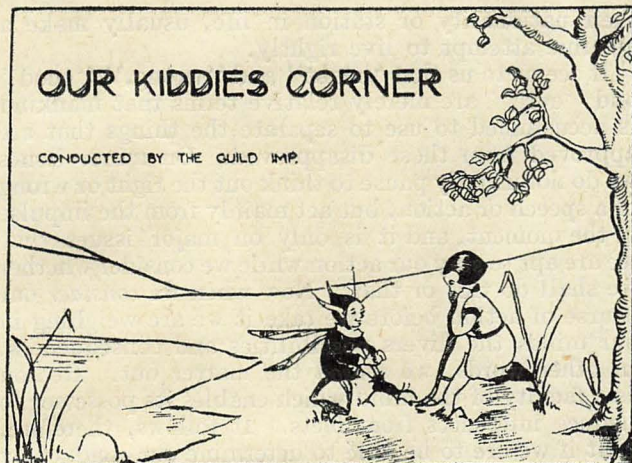
All my best wishes to you on the 12th—I shall be thinking of you all, and hoping that you are doing your very, very best for the honour of your Lyceum and the Union. Remember

"Who does the best his circumstance allows,  
Does well, acts nobly—Angels could do no more."

The Guild Leader,

28, Moorlands Place,  
Free School Lane,  
Halifax.

GLADYS M. HALLIDAY.



Dear Little Imps,

What a wonderful month this is! May-time and play-time always have been good friends, and the first really sunny month is surely the best month of all in which to hold a jubilee. May is a joyous month, when Spring-time revels make folks remember that the cold days have at last been chased away to await their next call from Mother Nature. Most of us are so busy looking at bricks and mortar, that we forget the blue skies and the green grass, and all the loveliness between them. Have you ever seen an orchard in May-time? \* It is Fairy-land come to earth. At least, that is what one little person decided.

#### APPLE BLOSSOM.

Janet came out of the farmhouse and felt quite sure that she had wandered out of the everyday world into a land made for fairy-folks. This was her first visit to a farm, and almost her first sight of the countryside. Everything fascinated Janet, from the fluffy chickens in the yard, to the grunting pigs and the lowing cows. The whole farm seemed *alive*, and every corner had its own interest.

For the first few days of her holiday the animals and fowls kept Janet busy. They were all so funny to watch that she was quite content to help with the feeding, hunt for eggs in the barn, and admire the milkmaids at their work. Then, looking from her bedroom window one morning, Janet caught a glimpse of trees that seemed to be a dainty wealth of pink and white. At first she could hardly believe that they were real trees, they seemed too fairy-like. At last her curiosity got the better of her, and she asked Mrs. Thwaites, the farmer's wife, if she might go to see the pink and white trees. "Pink and white trees, Janet!" exclaimed Mrs. Thwaites, "We haven't any." "Oh, I'm sure I saw pink and white trees when I looked out of the bedroom window this morning, and I should like to go close up to them, if I may." Mrs. Thwaites smiled. "I know now what you mean, I think. It is the orchard. Come with me and I will show you the way."

Eagerly Janet followed the woman out of the house, all agog to see her pink and white trees. They crossed the farmyard, went past the pond, and then stopped at a gate at the end of a short lane. The little girl gasped with delight as Mrs. Thwaites opened the gate and led her into that wonderland. Long rows of trees grew in sweet green grass, and every tree was a mass of pinky-white blossom. Beneath the trees

flowers nodded amongst the grass. "Oh! how lovely!" whispered Janet. "What are they? I've never seen any trees like these before." "These are apple and pear trees, dear," answered Mrs. Thwaites, "whilst those with all white flowers are the plum trees. Now I must go back to the house, but you can stay as long as you like. Remember to shut the gate when you come back to me."

A moment later and Janet was all alone, tip-toeing beneath the trees. Janet couldn't have told anyone why she moved so quietly on the soft grass. She just had to walk on tip-toes, with tiny steps, lest she might waken somebody that she couldn't see. It was a delicious feeling and she began to feel that if she looked very carefully in and out, amongst the trees, she would find some small sleeper.

Being in the orchard became quite exciting, and she tingled with wonder as to who she might find, for, find someone she would, of that she felt quite sure. Janet stooped to look at a clump of golden buttercups, and almost fell over with surprise. There, sitting right inside the flower's cup was a teeny, tiny fairy; and that fairy was ever so busy. What do you think she was doing? Why, sewing away so busily that at first she didn't notice Janet, who was too surprised to speak. The tiny fingers were working away at some pinky-white stuff. Suddenly, Janet realised that the stuff was no other than a petal from an apple tree. She gave such a happy little gasp of surprise that the fairy stopped sewing to look at Janet, and, joy of joys, to talk to her. "Who are you?" demanded the fairy. "And what are you doing here? No one has ever come to watch me at work before." "Oh! I do hope you are not cross with me," said the child. "I am Janet Maidstone and I am here for a holiday. Please let me watch you, I've never seen a fairy at all before and I didn't even know you could sew. How lovely it must be to sew petals as pretty as that one."

The fairy smiled with pleasure. "Of course you may stay, child," she said. "I'll tell you a secret; I'm busy making bonnets for all the new little baby fairies that the Spring-time has brought. Apple-blossom petals are just the right size and colour for baby fairies." "That is funny," said Janet. "I have just remembered a little verse about you, but until now I never believed it was true. Shall I tell it to you?" The fairy beamed with pride. "Please do!" she said. "Most people don't even think about me, never mind know nice verses.

Janet spoke very softly and slowly.

"If you drop an apple blossom  
With the dew upon it,  
Elves will set to work to make  
A fairy baby's bonnet."

The fairy was delighted. "Your verse is almost right," she said, "except that I'm a fairy and not an elf. Elves aren't very good at sewing. They prick their fingers too much. Look! this bonnet is finished." She held out that tiny bonnet to Janet, who held it carefully on her hand. It was the loveliest thing she had ever seen; and she gazed at it so long, that when next she looked in the Daffodil, the fairy had disappeared. Slowly she returned to the farm, carrying the bonnet. "Did you like the orchard?" asked Mrs. Thwaites. Janet's smile was the answer, and the woman said, "I love it, too, but I always feel so

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## WHAT IS RIGHT?

"Do right because 'tis right;

"Shun wrong because 'tis wrong."

Almost every Lyceumist is familiar with the above quotation and there is no doubt that it is an excellent precept. How many are there, however, who can say what is "right" and what is "wrong" or who have made any attempt to arrive at even an opinion on the matter. The problem of good and evil or right and wrong is not a modern one by any means. It has exercised the minds of thinkers and philosophers throughout the ages, and it would seem that we are as far off a solution in our own time as ever they were in times gone by.

Discussion usually occurs in connection with some specific point, and even then it is difficult to find complete agreement. Take war as an example. Some say that war is right; some, that it is right only in defence of one's home or country; some, that it cannot be right in any circumstances. Similar differences will be found to prevail on almost every ethical point.

How then can we do right and be sure it is right? Some there are who will answer without hesitation by saying "obey your conscience," but this will not do as no two "consciences" are precisely similar and such an answer, therefore, means little more than that everyone shall be a law unto themselves. Furthermore, conscience is inclined to change and its dictates of yesterday may be different to-morrow. Others tell us that man has an intuitive faculty which enables him to distinguish between right and wrong. However much we may believe in intuition it needs but little reasoning to discover that such a statement, if true, would mean that the intuitive faculty would reveal the same right to all men. This is so obviously untrue that, as far as ethics are concerned, we must conclude that the statement is fallacious.

It would appear, therefore, that we cannot rely upon either conscience or intuition as a guide to conduct, although both may sometimes be helpful.

In spite of what has been said, however, it still remains true that all decent living people, whatever

their nationality or station in life, usually make a genuine attempt to live rightly.

It seems to us that "right" and "wrong," "good" and "evil," are merely relative terms that mankind is accustomed to use to separate the things that are approved from those disapproved. On minor issues we do not usually pause to think out the right or wrong of a speech or action, but act mainly from the impulse of the moment, and it is only on major issues that we are apt to stay our action while we consider whether we shall do this or that. Now when we *consider* our course of action before we take it we are weighing in our minds the divers possibilities and consequences, in other words, we *reason* the matter out. Reason is a faculty of the mind which enables its possessor to deduce inferences from facts. It follows, therefore, that if we are to be able to determine our conduct by reason we must first be in possession of facts; that is, have knowledge. A sound judgment must give proper consideration to all relative facts, must be founded on knowledge. From this it may be inferred that right action can only be the result of the correct application of knowledge, i.e., wisdom. This is helpful only when we remember that our knowledge is always increasing and also that we may not always use our knowledge correctly.

Conscience; intuition; reason; all are fallible, and we are left to conclude that even with these very valuable aids we cannot hope to *always* do right, but must sometimes err. Man is not yet a perfect being, but that does not mean we should not strive for perfection.

## O WONDERFUL LIFE!

O Life! What art Thou?

Throbbing urge throughout the Universe;

From Whence? From What? From Whither? and Why?

O Life! Answer me.

Out of thy most thrilling depths of blue;

Out of thy great heights and breadths so vast;

Out of thy infinite distances;

Out of thy blazing radiant Sun;

Out of thy moon-bathed and star-lit nights;

Out of the cloud and the lightning storm;

O Life! Inform me.

Out of the noble human forehead;

Out of the gaze of the human eye;

Out of the wonder of parenthood;

O Life! Instruct me.

Mystery that was;

Mystery that is;

Mystery that may remain to be:

We Pray, we meditate, we explore,

We write and table ponderous lore,

But the finite may not comprehend

The Infinite purpose, moulding trend.

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# THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The Union will hold its

## 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

at 3 p m. on Saturday, June 8th, and 10 a.m. Sunday, June 9th, 1935,  
in the Connaught Rooms, Southampton.

President; JAMES SLIMIN, of Sunderland.

### AGENDA.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Appointments. 2A. Welcome (if any).
3. Minutes of last Conference.
4. Correspondence.
5. President's Address.
6. Unfinished Business:—Amendments (see below).
7. Reports:—(a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer; (c) Auditors; (d) £2,000 and Restoration; (e) Trustees; (f) Banner; (g) Education; (h) Guild; (i) College; (j) Manual Revision; (k) U.D.C.; (l) Ainsworth Home of Rest; (m) Overseas; (n) International; (o) S.N.U. Conference and E.C.; (p) Inter-relation.
8. Elections:—(a) President; (b) Vice-President; (c) Treasurer; (d) Appointment of General Secretary; (e) Declaration of Area Results.
9. Elect S.N.U. E.C. Representative.
10. Elect Auditor.
11. Elect Representatives to other Conferences.
12. Place and date of next B.S.L.U. Conference.
13. Motions:—see back page.
14. Votes of Thanks.
15. Closing Exercises.

### AMENDMENTS.

1. **Article 3, Clause C.**—Delete all words after "Religion," page 3.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*  
Substitute the word *Harmonious* for *Harmonial*.—*London L.D.C.*

2. **Article 4.**—Delete the whole article and retain the Article 4 as printed in old Constitution, with the exception of the word "Secretary."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

3. **Article 4.**—Second sentence to be amended to read: "They shall be elected by and at the Annual Conference and together with an Executive Council of four persons elected by postal ballot; 2 from North, 1 from Midlands and 1 from South."—*London L.D.C.*

4. **Article 4.**—Delete from the word "Treasurer," on line 2, to "Management Committee," on line 4, and insert "one Executive Councillor from each D.C. shall form the Management Committee."—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

5. **Article 5.**—Delete the word "fifteen" and substitute the word "seven"—*Halifax and Huddersfield D.C., Bradford L.D.C., London L.D.C.*

6. **Article 5.**—Delete the word "fifteen" and substitute the word "twelve."—*Southern Counties L.D.C.*

7. **Article 6, Clause C.**—Insert after the word "by" the word "Affiliation."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

8. **Article 6.**—Delete the words "and United District Council."—*London L.D.C., Manchester and Salford L.D.C., Sheffield L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

9. **Article 6.**—Line 16. Delete all words after "in" and insert "More than one capacity during the Conference."—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

10. **Article 7.**—Delete first section and substitute "Not more than two delegates."—*Bradford L.D.C.*

11. **Article 7.**—After the word "register" insert "But three delegates shall be the maximum representation of any Lyceum."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

12. **Article 7.**—Para. 2. Delete after the words "be," on last line, and substitute "A member of an affiliated Lyceum."—*London L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

13. **Article 7.**—Delete paragraph relating to U.D.C.—*Sheffield L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C., Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

14. **Article 8.**—Delete Section E.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C., Sheffield L.D.C., London L.D.C., Manchester L.D.C.*

15. **Article 8.**—No. 8. Delete the words "Executive Council."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C.*

16. **Article 9.**—Delete Section C.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C., London L.D.C., Sheffield L.D.C., Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

17. **Article 9.**—Delete Section D.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

18. **Article 9.**—Delete the whole of last paragraph and substitute "Nominators must obtain from the candidate a written statement that they are eligible according to constitution and are willing to serve in the capacity selected. Such statements shall be attached to the nomination form when sent to the Gen. Sec. of the Union."—*Bradford L.D.C.*

## II.

19. **Article 10.**—Delete after the word "Treasurer" and substitute "and members of the Management Committee." The words "Executive Council" to be changed to "Management Committee" and the word "two" to "one."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.; Bradford L.D.C.*

20. **Article 10.**—Delete sentence in brackets.—*Sheffield L.D.C., London L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C.*

21. **Article 10.**—Section B. Delete and substitute "Make not less than 20 attendances at the Lyceum on whose register their name appears during the twelve months preceding Conference, unless prevented by official service to the Union."—*Bradford L.D.C.*

22. **Article 10.**—Section B. to read: "Thirty attendances" instead of "twenty," and Section C. to read "twenty" instead of "ten."—*N.E. Cheshire.*

23. **Article 10.**—Add new paragraph: "Candidates for the office of President and Vice-President must have served on the Management Committee for not less than 12 months."—*Halifax and Huddersfield D.C.*

24. **Article 11.**—Add the words "District Councils and United Districts Council."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

25. **Article 11.**—Add the words "and District Councils."—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

26. **Article 12.**—Delete after the word "By" in first paragraph, to the words "Two," in second paragraph and continue.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

27. **Article 12.**—Delete the whole of Article 12 and make new one to read: "The accounts of the Union shall be audited annually by a professional accountant, who shall be elected annually."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

28. **Article 12.**—Add new paragraph: "If at any time it is necessary to elect two auditors at any particular time, the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall retire at the end of one year."—*London L.D.C.*

29. **Article 14.**—Delete "Executive Council."—*Bradford L.D.C.*

30. **Article 15.**—Title. Delete the words "United Districts Council."—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

31. **Article 15.**—Delete last paragraph.—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C., London L.D.C., Sheffield L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

32. **Article 16.**—Insert after the word "A," on line 2, the words "two-thirds."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

### SUB-SECTION A.

1. Delete the whole of Subsection A.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C., Manchester and Salford L.D.C., Sheffield L.D.C., London D.C.*

2. **Article 2.**—Section B. delete; Section D. delete. Section C. to be B., Section E. to be C., Section F. to be D., and to delete the word "Not," and the word "Disapproved" to be changed to "Approved."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

3. **Article 4.**—Second paragraph, delete the word "Two" and substitute the word "One." Delete the whole of paragraph 3.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

4. **Article 5.**—Paragraph 1. Delete after the word "Meeting" and substitute "The delegates present shall elect President, Secretary and Treasurer from amongst themselves." Section B. "20" to read "30"; "10" to read "20."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

5. **Article 5.**—Section B. "Make not less than 20 attendances at the Lyceum on whose register their name appears during the 12 months preceding their candidature, unless prevented by official service to the Union."—*Bradford L.D.C.*

6. **Article 6.**—Paragraph 2, line 3. Delete the word "He" and substitute "The Treasurer."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

7. **Article 7.**—Delete all in Clause A. and substitute "Subscriptions from District Councils."—*Halifax and Huddersfield D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

8. **Article 10.**—Paragraph 1, lines 3 and 4. Delete after the word "September."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

9. **Article 13.**—Insert after the word "A", on line 2, the words "two-thirds."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

### SUB-SECTION B.

1. **Article 4.**—Delete the word "Lyceum," on last line, and substitute the word "financial."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

2. Paragraph 1. After the words "District Visitor" add "One Executive Councillor, who shall serve on the Management Committee."—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

3. **Article 5.**—Section B. "20" to read "30"; "10" to read "20."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

4. **Article 6.**—Delete the words "And the Gen. Sec. shall publish all such notices in the next issue of the Lyceum Banner."—*London L.D.C.*

5. **Article 7.**—Section A. Delete all the words herein and substitute "Subscriptions from Lyceums, the amount of which shall be decided by the Council."—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C., Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

6. Section D. Delete "who are members of an affiliated Lyceum within the district."—*Southern Counties L.D.C.*

7. **Article 8.**—Add new paragraph: "The Executive Councillor shall perform the usual duties of a M.C. member."—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

8. **Article 10.**—Delete the words "From the members of the Council."—*London L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C.*

9. **Article 11.**—Delete the words "and U.D.C." and add "and" before the word "Conference."—*London L.D.C., Manchester and Salford L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

10. **Article 12.**—Insert after the word "A," on line 2, the words "two-thirds."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

### SUB-SECTION C.

1. **Article 2.**—Delete all after the word "Creed" line 6.—*London L.D.C.*

2. **Article 3.**—Delete after the word "Person" to the word "Area" and all words after the word "Register."—*London L.D.C.*

3. **Article 4.**—Delete the word "Two" in front of Guards.—*London L.D.C.*

4. **Article 5.**—Line 7, delete "12" and insert "14."—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

5. **Article 5.**—Delete "21" in last para. and substitute "16."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

6. **Article 6.**—Delete "21" in last para. and substitute "18."—*Southern Counties L.D.C.; Sheffield L.D.C.*

7. **Article 6.**—Section 4.—After the word "Lyceum" insert "From the secretary." Section 5.—After the word "to" on line 1, insert the words "Receive all incomes of the Lyceum and pay same to Treasurer."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

8. **Article 6.** Section 6.—Delete the words "Under supervision and direction" and substitute "In co-operation with."—*London L.D.C.*

9. **Article 8.**—Delete the word "children's" in line 5.—*London L.D.C.*

10. **Article 9.**—Delete "Executive Council" and substitute "Lyceum."—*London L.D.C.*

11. **Article 11.**—Delete the whole and substitute "Two auditors over the age of 21 shall be appointed annually by the members of the Lyceum."—*London L.D.C.*

12. **Article 12.**—Insert after the word "A" on line 2 the words "Two-thirds."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

13. **Article 12.**—Delete after the word "Than" on line 6 and substitute "15th of January and published in February *Banner* final amendments thereto to be submitted in writing not later than March 23rd before the annual conference at which they are to be considered. No amendments to be accepted from the floor of conference.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

#### BYELAWS.

**Bye-law 1.** Section 3. Delete after the word "By" and substitute "Two members from the Annual Conference with the addition of 1 member from the M.C. to serve for twelve months following the Conference at which they are elected."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

2. **Bye-law 2.** Section 6. Delete the whole and substitute. (a) "The Standing Orders Committee after having obtained from the General Secretary the list of nominations, etc., shall scrutinise all Resolutions and amendments for the Conference agenda and co-ordinate the items by arrangements with the Lyceums, etc., concerned and shall arrange and prepare the official agenda for publication. They shall regulate constitutional procedure at all Conferences and adjudicate in all claims and disputes concerning Conference business. They may advise the suspension or modification of rules and regulations for the conduct of Conference. They may examine the credential of any delegate which may be challenged and shall report result to the Conference."

(b) "All Expenses of the Standing Orders Committee shall be borne by the Union Funds."

3. **Bye-law 2.**—Section 5. After word "Group" on line 2 insert the words "and Electoral Areas."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

4. **Bye-law 3.**—Section 1. Delete after the word "paid" on line 1 to "Incurred," and substitute "and an itemised account of railway, postage and stationery expenses."

5. **Bye-law 4.**—After the words "District Visitor" on line 3 pp. 21 add the words "or electoral area representative." Para. 2 line 1. After the word "Group" insert "and an Electoral Area."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

6. **Bye-law 4.**—Section 4. After the word "Lyceums" on line 1, add the words "District Councils and United District Council."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

7. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 1. Delete the words "Sixpence for each name on their register" and substitute "10s. for the first or part of 40 names on their register and 5s. for each 20 or part of 20."—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

8. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 1. Delete the words "Sixpence for each name on their register and substitute "10s. for the first 50 or part of 50 names on their register and 5s. for each 25 or part of 25" after and follow on.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., London L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

9. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 1. Delete after the word "pay" on line 1 to "register on line 2 and insert "a fee of one shilling and sixpence for each member 18 years of age and over whose name is on the register and 3d. each for all other names on the register."—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

10. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 1. Delete after the word "of" and substitute 10s. per 50 or part of the first 50 names on their register and 1s. for each 5 or part of 5 afterwards under the age of 21 years."—*Moston Lyceum.*

11. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 1. Delete after the word "of" and substitute "10s. for each 50 or part of 50 names on their register," and follow on.—*Bradford L.D.C., Southern Counties L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C.*

12. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 2 line 2. Delete after the word "General Secretary" and substitute "10s for the first 40 or part of 40 names on register and 5s. for each 20 or part of 20" and follow on.—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

13. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 2. Delete after the words "General Secretary" and substitute "10s. for first 50 or part of 50 names on register and 5s. for each 25 or part of 25 names so returned," and follow on.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

14. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 2. Delete after the words "General Secretary" and substitute "and shall be 10s. for each 50 or part of 50 names so returned," and follow on.—*Bradford L.D.C., Southern Counties L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C.*

15. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 2. Delete Section 2. Section 3 to become section 2. Section 4 to become section 3.—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

16. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 5. (a) Delete all words therein and add new paragraph. (a) District Council shall pay a subscription of 2s. per annum for each Lyceum in membership."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C., Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

17. —(b) The United Districts Council shall pay a subscription of 2s. per annum for each D.C. in membership.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C.*

18. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 5. Delete all words therein and substitute "District Councils shall pay a subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum for each Lyceum in membership."—*Manchester and Salford L.D.C.*

19. **Bye-law 5.**—New Section 6. Subscription from District Councils to the United Districts Council shall be based upon their annual membership return to the Union and be at the rate of 1s. for each Lyceum in membership.—*Bradford L.D.C., Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

20. **Bye-law 5.**—Section 5 to become section 7.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Bradford L.D.C., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

21. **Bye-law 5.**—Present Section 7. Alter the number 15 to 12 and add after the word "Union" "They may amalgamate with another similar Lyceum for the purposes of representation."—*Southern Counties L.D.C.*

22. **Bye-law 5.**—New Para. Section 8. "Members of Lyceums, 18 years and over shall pay a membership fee of 1s. 6d. per annum to the Lyceum on whose register their names appear."—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

23. **Bye-law 5.**—New Para. Section 9. "The D.C. will be responsible to see that a correct record is kept in the Lyceums in its own area."—*Moston Lyceum.*

24. **Bye-law 10.**—Delete and revert to old constitution.—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

25. **Bye-law 10.**—Delete and revert to old constitution with the exception of section 5 which shall read "In the event of the successful candidate for any area being elected to office in the Union at the subsequent Annual Conference the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be co-opted to fill the vacancy thus caused in the Management Committee. Should the successful candidate have been returned without opposition new nomination forms shall be issued in the area concerned and a new election held, not later than six weeks after the date of the Conference or in such time as will allow the new area representative to take his (her) place in the Management Committee for July meeting, whichever may be shorter."—*N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.*

26. **Bye-law 10.**—Delete the words "Executive Council."—*Tyneside L.D.C., Sheffield L.D.C.*

27. **Bye-law 10.**—Delete the whole and substitute "Section 1. The Executive Council shall consist of one representative elected by the Lyceums from each District Council Area, such council to be responsible for the expenses of the representative whilst on the work of the Executive Council."—*Bradford L.D.C.*

28. **Bye-law 10.**—Section 2. The General Secretary shall not later than March 7th send to each Lyceum whose subscription is paid, a form for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Executive Council. No Lyceum may nominate more than one person and Lyceums nominating must return their form to the General Secretary not later than March 23rd. The General Secretary shall then collate the nominations into their respective districts and by March 31st issue to each member within such districts a ballot form, setting forth the names of all properly nominated candidates for each district,

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29. **Bye-law 10.**—Section 3. The names of all candidates in any district shall be submitted to each Lyceum within the district at the Lyceum session held on the second Sunday in April each year and be voted on by Lyceumists of voting age then present. The number of votes cast for each candidate shall be recorded by the presiding officer and entered on the ballot form which shall be returned within seven days duly signed by the Lyceum Secretary and Conductor.

30. **Bye-law 10.**—Section 4. The votes returned as cast for each candidate shall be counted by the General Secretary and President. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the elected representative and a complete return of votes recorded in the election shall be published in the official organ for May.—*Bradford L.D.C.*

31. **Bye-law 10.**—Section 5. In the event of the successful candidate for any district being elected to office in the Union at the subsequent conference, new nomination forms shall be

issued in the districts concerned and a new election held not later than six weeks after the date of the conference or in such time as will allow the new district representative to take his (her) place in the management committee for July meeting whichever shall be shorter.

32. **Bye-law 10.**—Section 6. The election of officers and auditor shall be by ballot at the annual Conference and shall take precedence over all other business at the Sunday morning session.—*Bradford L.D.C.*

33. **Bye-law 13.**—Clause (c). Delete all words to the word "Shall" on line 2 and substitute "The General Secretary shall act as Secretary to the Trustees and." Delete the words "They shall also" on line 4 and substitute the words "The Trustees shall."—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

34. **Bye-law 14.**—Insert after the word "a" on line 2 the words "two thirds".—*Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.*

## MOTIONS.

1. That this union seek affiliation with the National Peace Council.—*Sheffield L.D.C.*

2. That in the appointment of the Education Secretary and Committee, the M.C. shall, as far as possible, appoint Lyceumists who are specially qualified for such work.—*Daulby St. Lyceum, Liverpool.*

3. That this meeting is of the opinion that fusion of the S.N.U. and the B.S.L.U. is desirable in the interests of Lyceumism generally.—*London L.D.C.*

4. That this conference is of the opinion that the time is opportune for discussions to be opened between the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U., Ltd., to explore the terms and conditions upon which fusion could be effectively brought into operation and that a committee of four members be elected from the floor of the conference to conduct the negotiations with the S.N.U., Ltd., and present their recommendations and a report to the next conference. The M.C. and Trustees shall supply the committee with all the information they may desire, on all matters appertaining to the affairs of the Union.

—*Eltham Lyceum.*

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE REPORT.

### Meetings.

During 1934 three M.C. meetings were held, in Nottingham, Manchester and Bury. In addition three Finance Committee meetings were held.

In according thanks to all friends for the hospitality and kindness shown on these occasions special mention is deserved by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hart, of Manchester, whose unfailing and unstinted hospitality to the President and other M.C. members has proved of valuable service.

### Membership.

The number of Lyceumists in 1934 was 10,616, as against 11,281 in 1933; a decrease of 665. Lyceums in 1934 numbered 230 as against 240 in 1933; a decrease of 10 Lyceums. Fees for 1934 were £154 6s. 0d.

Serious consideration to the fall in membership is being given by the M.C., and it is hoped at an early date to adopt some method to arrest it.

### I.S.F. Congress.

In fulfilment of his promise to the 1934 Conference, Mr. G. Mack, of Runcorn, attended the I.S.F. Congress at Barcelona, and his valuable and lucid report has appeared in the pages of the "Banner."

We repeat our expressions of thanks to Mr. Mack, not only for his report, but also for his work in connection with the preparation of Mr. Kitson's paper for Congress.

### Conference.

The 1934 Conference was a success from every standpoint, and our heartiest thanks are due to all Liverpool Lyceumists for their splendid efforts.

Financially, the Union profited to the extent of £13. 2s. 11s. A really fine result.

### Ainsworth Home of Rest.

The Ainsworth Home of Rest is still operated by the M.C. Without exception, the patients treated report improved health as a result of their convalescence.

Unfortunately, donations to this fund have entirely ceased. Each year sees an increase in the number of patients applying for treatment, and the cash balance in hand is rapidly decreasing.

We commend to Conference the consideration of means by which this fund can be re-established and the good and practical work of the Home of Rest continued.

### Restoration Fund.

The Restoration Fund continues to receive good support and the Flower Fund in conjunction with the Alfred Kitson memorial day is now an established fact.

### Banner.

It is with regret that we have to report that the sales of the "LYCEUM BANNER" are still falling, and unless there can be found some means whereby sales can be increased by 20% to 25% we are faced with the possibility of having to cease the publication of the BANNER.

The M.C. have come to the conclusion that the policy of the BANNER should be, to a large extent, controlled by the Management Committee, and with this end in view, we offer for the consideration of Conference the question of the Editorship of the LYCEUM BANNER being in the hands of the General Secretary.

### Fusion.

We have been approached by the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd., to consider the question of the formation of one National Organisation, and the M.C. have come to the conclusion that such steps would not be wise at the moment.

Immediately prior to going to press there has been a letter received from the S.N.U. enclosing the following resolution:—

"This Conference is of the opinion that the best interests of the Movement would be served by Church and Lyceum activities being controlled by one organisation. It therefore asks the B.S.L.U. to take the necessary steps in conjunction with this Union to achieve this aim by the Annual General Meeting of 1936. Failing the willing co-operation of the B.S.L.U., this Conference instructs the Council to proceed with the uniting of Church and Lyceums within its own organisation."

This matter is now under the consideration of the M.C. and Trustees. Further reports will be given in the Interim Report at Conference.

### Rota System.

District Councils have been approached with a desire for an expression of opinion regarding the revival of the Rota system of holding M.C. meetings. The response has been decidedly encouraging, most of the District Councils expressing themselves in favour of the scheme. The Finance Committee have the formulating of the scheme under consideration and details will be issued to the District Councils when the work is completed.

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# BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ending December 31st, 1934.

## GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	INCOME.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To M.C. Expenses:—				By Collections, M.C. Prop. Meetings ..		4 8 9	
Nottingham .. ..	12 16 9			„ Conference, Liverpool:			
Manchester .. ..	9 18 4			Collections and Donations ..	8 11 4		
Bury .. ..	7 17 4			F.O.B., S.N.U. .. ..	1 9 6		
			30 12 5	Catering .. ..	39 12 0		
„ Conference, Liverpool ..				Billet Fees .. ..	36 7 6		
M.C., etc. .. ..	26 0 11			Local Hospitality Donations ..	19 6 8		
Printing, etc. .. ..	0 6 6					105 7 0	
Catering .. ..	33 1 0			„ Lyceum and D.C. Fees .. ..		154 6 0	
F.O.B., S.N.U. .. ..	1 9 6			„ Donations .. ..		2 17 11	
Billet Charges .. ..	24 11 0			„ Restoration Fund .. ..		184 12 5	
Gratuities .. ..	3 0 0			„ A. Kitson Bequest .. ..		144 1 4	
Reporter .. ..	3 3 2			„ Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme:—			
Advert. .. ..	0 12 0			Committee Expenses .. ..	36 12 0		
			92 4 1	Amount still owing .. ..	1 6 6		
„ Salaries .. ..			226 5 0			37 18 6	
„ Office Rent, Light, Heat, Cleaning, etc. ..	67 10 2			„ Clerk's Salary to A.H. of Rest ..		13 0 0	
„ Telephone and Telegrams .. ..	6 7 0			„ Income Tax Refund .. ..		18 3 6	
„ Printing and Stationery .. ..	31 11 10			„ Sundries .. ..		1 15 7	
„ Office Requisites .. ..	10 7 3			„ Transfer:—Publishing Fund Account:			
„ Health and Unemployment Insurance ..	4 1 6			Proportion, Salaries ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) .. ..	169 13 9		
„ President and Secretary's Expenses ..	4 5 6			Proportion, Rent, etc. ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) .. ..	109 12 10		
„ Officers Expenses (Secretary's holiday period) ..	3 0 0					279 6 7	
„ Advertisements .. ..	0 5 0			„ Transfer, Lyceum Banner Account:			
„ Postages .. ..	14 18 5			Proportion, Salaries ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) .. ..	28 5 8		
„ Sundries .. ..	3 17 0			Proportion, Rent, etc. ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) .. ..	18 5 6		
			146 3 8			46 11 2	
„ Affiliation Fees, S.N.U. .. ..			12 0 0				
„ Ainsworth Home of Rest Expenses ..			37 18 6				
„ Committee Expenses .. ..							
Finance .. ..	11 9 8						
Joint Education .. ..	2 0 10						
Trustees .. ..	2 3 10						
Joint S.N.U., B.S.L.U. .. ..	3 10 0						
			19 4 4				
„ Delegations:—							
U.D.C. .. ..	0 7 6						
S.N.U. .. ..	4 13 3						
Various .. ..	0 12 9						
			5 13 6				
„ Wreath .. ..			1 1 0				
„ Bank Charges, Cheque Books, etc. ..			5 1 9				
„ Insurance .. ..			4 2 7				
„ Balance to Accumulative Fund ..			412 1 11				
			£992 8 9			£992 8 9	

## ACCUMULATIVE FUND ACCOUNT.

LIABILITIES.		£ s. d.	ASSETS.		£ s. d.
To Balance, Lyceum Banner Account ..	96 3 8		To Balance, 31st Dec., 1933 .. ..	111 10 0	
„ Balance, Publishing Fund Account ..	111 5 8		„ Balance, General Fund Account ..	412 1 11	
„ Balance, Education Dept. Account ..	8 4 5				
„ Balance Account .. ..	307 18 2				
	£523 11 11			£523 11 11	

## LYCEUM BANNER ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	INCOME.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Outstanding Accounts, Dec. 31st, 1933 ..	46 10 0			By Sales of Banners .. ..	245 7 7		
„ Printing Banners, etc. .. ..	240 1 2			„ Advert. and Reports .. ..	17 15 4		
„ Carriage .. ..	40 8 0			„ Subscriptions .. ..	1 12 10		
„ Blocks .. ..	5 19 10			„ Bound Volumes .. ..	1 4 6		
„ Posters .. ..	8 3 0			„ Calendar of Events .. ..	0 18 0		
„ Bound Volumes .. ..	2 10 0			„ Outstanding Accounts, Dec. 31st, 1934 ..	38 9 10		
„ Postages .. ..	8 11 10			„ Balance to Accumulative Fund .. ..	96 3 8		
„ Stationery .. ..	2 10 0						
„ Sundries .. ..	0 6 9						
„ Proportion of Salaries ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) .. ..	28 5 8						
„ Proportion of Rent, etc. ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) .. ..	18 5 6						
			46 11 2				
			£401 11 9			£401 11 9	

## PUBLISHING FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1933		295	14	0	By Sales of Manuals, etc...		322	8	7
„ Office Furniture and Fittings .. ..		29	11	6	„ Outstanding Accounts, Dec. 31st, 1934		14	7	9
„ Purchase of Books, etc. .. ..		3	1	6	„ Stock of Publications .. ..		257	16	0
„ Printing and Binding of Manuals, etc.		85	9	6	„ Office Furniture and Fittings .. ..		26	12	4
„ Advert., Lyceum Banner .. ..		10	0	0	„ Balance to Accumulative Fund .. ..		111	5	8
„ Audit and Stocktaking .. ..		6	11	4					
„ Postages, Stationery and Rail Carriage		18	5	2					
„ Fire Insurance .. ..		4	5	0					
„ Sundries .. ..		0	5	9					
„ Proportion of Salaries ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) .. ..	169	13	9						
„ Proportion of Rent, etc. ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) .. ..	109	12	10						
		279	6	7					
		£732	10	4			£732	10	4

## RESTORATION FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Postages and Receipt Books .. ..		3	6	9	By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1933 .. ..		20	3	7
„ Flower Day Appeal Expenses .. ..		1	15	9	„ Donations .. ..		169	11	4
„ Transfer to General Fund .. ..		184	12	5					
		£189	14	11			£189	14	11

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, Dec. 31st, 1933 .. ..		147	14	4	By Donations .. ..		1	5	0
„ Postages .. ..		13	8	8	„ Fees .. ..		22	17	6
„ Postages on Sales .. ..		2	3	0	„ Sales .. ..		20	17	2
„ Stationery .. ..		8	18	3	„ Stocks, 31st Dec., 1934 .. ..		130	3	9
„ Printing .. ..		2	11	0	„ Balance to Accumulative Fund .. ..		8	4	5
„ Meetings .. ..		5	3	7					
„ Audit .. ..		2	13	0					
„ Sundries .. ..		0	16	0					
		£183	7	10			£183	7	10

## LYCEUM GUILD ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
To Wadsworth, Stationery, etc. .. ..		2	1	3	By Balance in Hand Dec. 31st, 1933 .. ..		5	12	3
„ Postages .. ..		3	12	1	„ Senior Members, 65 at 1s. .. ..		3	5	0
„ Balance in Hand, 31st Dec., 1934 .. ..		8	12	2	„ Junior Members, 28 at 3d. .. ..		0	7	0
		£14	5	6	„ Transfer, Juniors to Seniors, 3 at 9d. .. ..		0	2	3
					„ Renewal Fees .. ..		4	3	0
					„ Ribbons .. ..		7	17	3
					„ Donations .. ..		0	8	6
							£14	5	6

## CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance, Bank .. ..		17	9	6	By Balance .. ..		17	6	0
					„ Certificate issued .. ..		0	3	6
		£17	9	6			£17	9	6

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

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance, S.B., U.D.C. Mortgage ..	450	0	0		By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1933 .. ..	748	1	5	
„ Manchester Corporation .. ..	200	0	0		„ Less Loan to General Fund .. ..	97	0	0	
		650	0	0			651	1	5
„ Bank .. ..		22	8	11	„ Interest: Mortgage .. ..	21	7	0	
					„ Bank .. ..	0	0	6	
		£672	8	11			21	7	6
							£672	8	11

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR £2,000 EFFORT FUND.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance, Bank .. ..		2	7	6	By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1933 .. ..	115	11	11	
					„ Less Loan to General Fund .. ..	114	0	0	
					„ Donations .. ..		1	11	11
		£2	7	6			0	15	7
							£2	7	6



## VIII.

### Management Committee Report.—*Con. from page IV.* Manual.

Mention was made at the 1934 Conference of the possibility of adding a number of additional pages to the Manual and the statement made that this could be done at little extra cost.

On further consultation with the printers, it was found that there were difficulties which were not at first apparent. The suggested alteration would involve a re-setting of several pages and would prove both expensive and confusing.

The M.C. have decided it would be unwise to interfere with the Manual at present.

#### Badges.

As is generally known, the stock of Lyceum Badges has been exhausted for some months. The M.C. have taken this opportunity of soliciting opinions regarding the adoption of a new style of Badge.

Designs and estimates have been obtained and it is desired that Conference will give a decision that will enable the M.C. to re-stock at an early date, either a new or the old type of badge.

Sale of Badges is a good source of income and it is undesirable that we remain out of stock any longer than is absolutely necessary.

The purchase of Badges in sufficiently large quantities to render them profitable involves considerable outlay, and Conference is asked to give full consideration to this matter before a final decision is arrived at.

The M.C. express their appreciation of the proofs of Loyalty on the part of the Lyceums and D.C.s, and for the signs of reviving interest throughout the Movement. With the continuance of the hard work done during the past year and the sustained efforts of all units we hope for a future of brightness and prosperity.

### B.S.L.U. RESTORATION FUND CONFERENCE REPORT.

Although we feel that Flower Day has been worth the effort, at the same time, the response has been rather disappointing, not realising even the same amount as last year. Many Lyceums have expressed regret at their donation being so small, and hoped that they would do much better next year. It would be interesting and much appreciated if a free expression of opinion was given at Conference concerning Flower Day, and the advisability or otherwise of its continuance.

Up to date the proceeds of Flower Day have realised £57 10s. 9d. This is a decrease of £26 4s. 7d. on last year's figures, but there are still 80 Lyceums which have not yet forwarded their donations. Altogether 20,080 Buttercups were distributed amongst 241 Lyceums; 161 Lyceums have donated altogether £57 10s. 9d., which makes an average of 7/1 per Lyceum. This is a decrease of 1/- average on last year.

Again, ordinary donations have not been so numerous this year, but we must bear in mind that during last year, special individual donations helped considerably to swell the fund.

Our special thanks are due to those Lyceums which have continued their efforts in addition to Flower Day. This month we are very pleased to acknowledge and congratulate Daulby Hall Lyceum on their splendid donation of £11 0s 0d. to the Fund. This shows great credit to all the Lyceumists for the hard work and determination which has been put into their efforts to realise this sum. Every scheme that has been suggested in our columns has been tested by this Lyceum, and variety has undoubtedly helped to make the work pleasurable and successful. May we suggest that other Lyceums, whose circumstances permit, will follow this example.

#### Flower Day Donations.

Our thanks are due to the following Lyceums:—

Ashton-on-Mersey Lyceum, per Mrs. Turner, 2/6; Derby Lyceum, per Mr. Spence, 2/6; Mansfield Lyceum, per Mr. G. W. Richardson, 1/9; Todmorden Lyceum, per Mrs. Sutcliffe, 2/3; Caerau Lyceum, per Mrs. Mills, 15/-; Shipley Lyceum, per Miss S. Hudson, 3/6; Broadgate Lyceum, per Mr. Gaze, 10/-; Ashton Progressive Lyceum, per Mr. A. Booth, 9/1; Milton Eccles Lyceum, per Miss N. Catterall, 2/-; Harpurhey Lyceum, per S. O. Orrell, 2/-; Huddersfield Lyceum, St. Peter Street, per Mr. J. Midgley, 6/-; Fleetwood Lyceum, per Mrs. L. Vollans 10/-; New Manchester Lyceum, per G. Francis, 6/3; Darwen Lyceum, per Mr. J. R. Coghlan, £1; Total £4 12s. 10d.

#### Donations.

Daulby Hall Lyceum, per Mr. C. W. Dixon, £11 0s. 0d.; Mr. R. Robb, 2/6; Total 11 2s. 6d. Grand Total £15 15s. 4d.

#### Birthdays Greetings.

May we extend our heartiest greetings to Mrs. Dean, of Bury

Lyceum, and wish her many happy returns of her birthday, on May 8th.

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS from 1st Jan. to 11th April, 1935

Income.		£ s. d.	Expenditure.		£ s. d.
To Loan from Gen-eral Fund	..	14 3 10	By Buttercups	..	14 3 10
.. ..	..	4 0 0	.. Boxes	..	0 11 0
.. Donations	..	18 18 8	.. Labels, etc.	..	0 2 8
.. Founders' Day	..		.. Postage on Boxes	..	2 2 1
.. Collections	..	0 5 7	.. General Postage	..	0 17 6
.. Collections and Greetings	..	0 8 1	.. Bank	..	77 3 1
.. Buttercups	..	57 10 9	.. Balance in Hand	..	0 6 9

To Balance in Bank	£95 6 11	.. Loan from	£95 6 11
.. .. Cash	77 3 1	.. General Fund	18 3 10
	0 6 9	.. Balance	59 6 0
	77 9 10		

LILLIE GEORGE,

*Hon. Sec.*

### B.S.L.U. TRUSTEES REPORT.

The estate of our Founder, Alfred Kitson, bequeathed to the Union, has been received by the Trustees and paid over to the Union, the bequest was one half to the general fund and one half to publishing fund. The estate realised £288. The Trustees record their appreciation of the services rendered by the Executors, Mr. E. Wilson and Mr. H. Winder. The bequest is subject to the proviso that the upkeep of the grave of Alfred Kitson be a liability of the B.S.L.U. through its Trustees.

The decease of Alfred Kitson makes it necessary for the Mortgages invested with the City of Manchester to be changed. Your Trustees have given notice to realise these Mortgages, for re-investment if deemed necessary.

The Mortgage for £150 Home Fund, matures next year. This mortgage will then be free for use by the Union if occasion demands it. The Management Committee have been reimbursed for all payments made under the Home of Rest Scheme.

The Ainsworth Home of Rest is advertised once per year in a weekly newspaper, also in the LYCEUM BANNER.

The Trustees have made a grant from the Ainsworth Charity Funds to the Union for the services of the General Secretary for work done in connection with the Charity.

The question of augmenting the funds of the Charity and/or suspending its operations during the winter months merits your serious consideration.

Following upon reports of Lyceum disputes and the claiming of Lyceum funds by the Churches, your Trustees at their last meeting resolved "That in any dispute between Church and Lyceum which terminates in the closing of the Lyceum or the Lyceum being refused admittance to the Lyceum, any funds or properties of the Lyceum may be deposited with the Lyceum Union Trustees, who will hold such funds or properties of the Lyceum against the day of the re-opening of the Lyceum.

Mr. G. A. Mack, whom it was resolved should fill the place of Mr. R. Latham should he resign, has not been accepted by the S.N.U., and the appointment requires your re-endorsement. Mr. Mack has served your Union on the Ainsworth Charity.

The Accounts for the five years ending December, 1933, were demanded by the Charity Commissioners. The accounts as accepted by our Conferences were submitted and accepted. The Charity Commissioners state that they satisfy all their requirements.

The accounts as set forth in the balance sheet show the funds held by us.

Your Trustees are seeking an interview with the S.N.U. regarding the questions of representation, delegation and payments.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Chairman.

JAMES SHUTTLEWORTH, Secretary.

### LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

The changes of personnel which took place during 1934 very naturally have had their effect upon the activities of the Union, and it is satisfactory to be able to report that the publication of our Official organ has not been interrupted. This has not been accomplished without some sacrifice, and thanks are sincerely offered to all those who have in any way contributed to the work. All the special features have been maintained and several new ones introduced. Whether these are approved it is impossible to say as no comments either way have been received. It was considered advisable to revert to the old style of lay out, and this appears to have been generally appreciated.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

The Committee, 1934-35.

Mr. J. Slimin, A.N.S.C. (Chairman), Miss G. M. Halliday, A.N.S.C. (Guild Leader), J. Shuttleworth (Education Sec.), who constitute the B.S.L.U. Section of the National Joint Education Scheme, and Mrs. A. Mills, General Secretary of the Union, comprise the Education Committee for 1934-35. Mr. Slimin also acts as the Oral Grade's Secretary. Since last Conference the Committee has met twice. In November and in February. The Education Chairman, the Education Sec., and the General Secretary of the Union met in August to sign and dispatch the certificates to successful students.

The Results Book was late in being issued, and as Secretary responsible for this, being my first attempt in compiling a work of this kind, the task was greater than I had anticipated, and I crave your indulgence regarding the late issue. Experience makes one wise, and I can safely state, the issue this year will be quite in keeping with former years.

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

The appeals circular was sent out early in December, and the usual entry and fee forms to Lyceums in February. The general office arrangements in the hands of Mrs. Mills have been capably carried out.

### Sales.

The sales of Handbooks show an increase on the previous year, and we hope the improvement will continue in the current year. May I again remind all Lyceums that our stocks are still large, and our Handbooks could be very well used as text books for Group lessons. May I point out that concerning the historical data of our movements, our Handbooks are almost the only source where there can be found a comprehensive statement of events concerning the foundations of our Movements.

### The Examinations.

As the examinations are not held until the 12th of May, it is impossible to give any final report, or even final entry figures. Up to the time of this report, the entries are 425 from 56 Lyceums, these figures include 150 Oral Grades. The final figures will be published in the June issue of the LYCEUM BANNER, and the final Examination lists will appear in the Official Results Book.

### Joint Education Committee.

The Joint Education Committee has met twice to carry out the National duties re our joint educational activities.

The question of amending the College Constitution to bring the Constitution in keeping with the resolutions adopted at the 1933 S.N.U. A.G.M. at Glasgow, and our Conference in 1934 at Liverpool. To place the authority of electing the Education Committees of each Union in the hands of the respective executives.

The attention of each E.C. is drawn to the section on page 11 of the College Booklet, Article 12, Representation at Conferences, which provides for a representative of the governing Board to be an official delegate at each Union's Conference.

(a) At the Spiritualists' National Union Conference the College shall be represented by a British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union member (or officer) of the Governing Board.

(b) At the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union Conference, the College shall be represented by a Spiritualists' National Union member (or officer) of the Governing Board.

These two sections have never been put into operation, and we respectfully ask that this section should be operative.

The Committee give thanks to The Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER; the small army of willing and voluntary workers who have combined to keep the scheme going. This army consists of candidates, tutors, conductors, supervisors, secretaries and committees, of M.C. officers and members, of donors to funds; and of *examiners*, who annually devote hours to the arduous job of marking papers.

Each individual's help is needed and counts towards the success of the whole scheme.

## REVISION.

Following on the figures I gave you last month, your Education Committee think that partly this drop is accounted for, by the fact that our Lyceumists seem to leave our scheme alone after the school-leaving age of 14 years.

We are recommending to you that the entry age be 10, in the following order: One Oral Grade, 10 years, partly oral, part written.

Grade 1 .. .. .	11 years.
.. 2 .. .. .	12 ..
.. 3 .. .. .	13 ..
.. 4 .. .. .	14 ..
.. 5 .. .. .	15 ..

For the last 10 years or so there have been set for Grades 1, 2, 3 a series of 3 S.C.R., 3 M.Rs., 3 or 4 G.C.R., plus handbook articles.

We suggest that the readings set for these grades be augmented to allow more scope for questions, say at least double the numbers set, and each set out a section for study in each grade.

In Grade IV., beyond the compiling of a Lyceum Session, the Manual articles and general philosophy are left out. We suggest that at this point students should be studying the Phenomena of Spiritualism and Mediumship, and we offer for study G.C.Rs. 137-140 and 141, and questions be set as leading more directly up to the Philosophy and Phenomena section of the Grade V. Examination.

In Grade V. we are agreed this grade should be the revision of all work previously done, and ought to be a general knowledge test of the whole course set and gone through.

We suggest that the present paper No. 2 be dropped and a new paper set, dealing with the two movements from the historical, philosophical and phenomenal points of view.

Now, as Grade V. Examination is a joint one, in the sense that it is accepted as the entrance Examination to the S.N.U. section, and the age for the S.N.U. section is 18 years, we suggest an Introductory Examination leading directly to the S.N.U. Subsidiary Section. So that our scheme in the future would be:

Oral Grades .. .. .	10 years.
Grade I. .. .. .	11 ..
.. II. .. .. .	12 ..
.. III. .. .. .	13 ..
.. IV. .. .. .	14 ..
.. V. .. .. .	15 ..
Final and Entrance .. .. .	16 ..

Grade V. would be the final Examination in our B.S.L.U. Section.

Only one Council in the whole movement has taken enough interest in the scheme to send me a resumé of their discussions.

The U.D.C. has at two meetings discussed and sent on their opinion; for the same we thank them.

## GENERAL.

We propose that any student who fails to secure a pass at the first examination in May shall have the opportunity of again taking the Examination during that year. Also adults desirous of taking up the course shall be afforded the opportunity of taking more than one examination in any one year.

With this end in view we propose instituting a second examination in, say, the month of October, with the proviso that any student taking more than one grade in any year must qualify by gaining not less than 70% marks in any examination.

All re-examinations are, of course, to be subject to a re-examination fee.

## IN CONCLUSION.

The National Joint Education Scheme offers to the earnest student a course of systematic graded comprehensive study, and fits him or her to play a useful and efficient part in the educational advancement of the Spiritualist Movement.

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

On behalf of the Education Committee, we offer these suggestions to you for your earnest consideration.

J. SLIMIN, *Chairman*.  
J. SHUTTLEWORTH, *Education Sec.*

## GUILD CONFERENCE REPORT.

## Membership.

During 1934 there were 93 Guild members enrolled, namely, from number 317 to 409. But when the Renewal Fees were paid at the beginning of the year 36 members had ceased to be Lyceumists or allowed their Guild membership to lapse, so that the true total of Guild members at the end of 1934 was 363.

## Finance.

The Balance Sheet for the year will be found elsewhere in the BANNER. You will see that Our Guild has had another good year financially and finished with a balance of £8 12s. 2d. This is largely due to the splendid way in which you responded to the call for Renewal Fees.

## Correspondence.

The number of letters received by the Guild Leader has steadily increased during the year, and these have all been answered at some time or another. It is only by means of letters that the Guild Leader can keep in touch with the various Guildites, and hear of what is being done in the Lyceums or in the world at large. For the Guild Leader cannot pay personal visits to Lyceums, chiefly because of cost in money and time.

## Guild Classes.

These have been held by many Lyceums during the year, and, as I have received accounts of the work attempted or done, I have reported in the pages of the BANNER.

## Arisen Guildites.

The following Guildites have passed into the Higher Life during 1934:—Dad Kitson, Mrs. Singleton of Darwen, Chrissie Greenwood of Dewsbury, and Marion Brimelow of Warrington. We wish them God-speed in their new life and look for signs of their continued interest in Our Guild.

## Guild Badge.

Questions have been raised concerning a more permanent Guild Badge. It is felt by some that the ribbon badges are not just the thing desired. Whether this is a feasible idea or not is for you to decide.

## Competitions.

None have been held this year, owing to the lack of interest. Only one Guildite has enquired about the matter, and so competitions have not been forced on you.

## Thanks.

Thanks are due to all those who have helped in any way to further the work of Our Guild: to the Editor of the BANNER, for his kindly acceptance of Guild articles; to the M.C., for their interest; to all of you who have written letters of encouragement or criticism; to all you who have carried on in your Lyceums, in spite of difficulties, and helped others to keep their Guild promises; and to those in the Spirit World who have given advice and courage. Thanks sincerely to each one of you, and may we ask for a continuance of your help?

G. M. HALLIDAY, *The Guild Leader*.

## THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

## REPORT TO CONFERENCE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1934.

The work of the College during the past year has not been great, mainly owing to the fact that from March 3rd, when the late Secretary resigned, until October 20th, there was no Secretary. The Chairman and other members of the Committee carried on the routine work in the best way possible under the circumstances.

There was also a shortage in the necessary application forms and the names of successful students were not to hand until December. These and other causes resulted in (for the first time) the College having no Local Branch registered and only one degree (G.N.S.C.) issued during the year. We sincerely hope that during 1935 we shall regain lost ground and confidently appeal for the assistance of all those who have, at heart, the cause of Education in the Movement.

WM. G. GUSH, F.N.S.C., *Chairman*.

G. M. HALLIDAY, A.N.S.C., *Secretary*.

## NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1934.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Balance from 1933	28 19 9	Cost of Meetings	4 1 9
Bank Interest	0 5 1	Temp. Sec.'s Post	0 6 7
Sale of Text Books	0 9 10	Application Forms	0 7 11
		Late Sec.'s Post	0 3 9
		Present Sec.'s Post	0 2 0

	5 2 0
With Treasurer	23 17 10
With Secretary	0 14 10

£29 14 8

£29 14 8

Audited and found correct,

T. H. WRIGHT, *Trustee-Treasurer*.

ROBERT A. OWEN, } *Trustee*

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, } *Auditors*.

## MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE.

As it was considered that the financial position of the Union had not recovered sufficiently to justify it, the Committee did not meet during 1934.

E. A. KEELING, *Chairman*.

## U.D.C. REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

During the year two meetings have been held, one at Cleeveleys and the other at the Britten Memorial Hall.

The principal subjects under discussion were: Education Scheme and suggestions where improvements may take place; declining membership of the Union; the need for propaganda amongst Lyceumists, to make them conscious of their church responsibilities; the need for a clearer conception of what is meant by Fusion; the urgent need for Conference to decide the New Constitution in relation to Sub-Section A. Many Councils associated with the above Council are questioning the advisability of remaining in affiliation until the vexed question is settled. Eight Councils are associated with the U.D.C.

On behalf of the Councils the undersigned wish to thank all who by their help have assisted us in our work.

ED. NELLIST, D.N.S.C., *President*.

A. S. DICKINSON, *Sec.-Treas.*

## AINSWORTH HOME OF REST REPORT.

From the inauguration of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme in 1930 we have handled 70 applications for treatment, 63 of which have actually had treatment. The number of cases in 1934 was 17, but only 12 received benefit. During July and August our income was such that we could not afford to send patients away, and those people who applied for treatment could not wait until we had got a transfer from the Trustees. This matter has now been remedied and the Management Committee can render monthly statements to the Trustees, and get a refund almost immediately.

Total expenses for the year were £51 0s. 0d. Treatment, £33 5s. 6d. Administration costs, £17 14s. 6d.

The Officers of the Union have been appointed by the M.C. to deal with all claims for treatment.

We feel that each year our activities are growing and Lyceumists are realising the benefits to be derived from our work to help our sick and indigent Lyceumists. Forms of Application can be obtained from the General Secretary, B.S.L. Union, 64a, Bridge Street, Manchester, 3.

## OVERSEAS REPORT.

Our Overseas links have not been strengthened this year. We still have two Lyceums in Calgary, one in Winnipeg, and one in New Westminster, who are in affiliation with us, and from time to time we have interesting reports of their work.

Although last year's report stated that we have nine Overseas Lyceums in affiliation, actually only the four mentioned previously paid fees.

The Methuen, U.S.A., Lyceum is still in existence and we are hoping that before long they will renew their affiliation with us. We have been in touch with the Secretary.

Enquiries have been received from West Krugersdorp, and a parcel of literature has been sent to Bermuda. We are hoping that good results will accrue.

Since the passing of Miss R. Burgess, the Dunedin, N.Z., Lyceum seems to have lost interest, but we are still in touch with them.

The LYCEUM BANNER is still a useful link with Canada, America, Australia, Holland, Spain and other countries.

We ask all delegates assembled at our Annual Conference to send their fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists, wherever they may be.

**I.S.F. REPORT.**

We are still not affiliated with the International Spiritualist Federation. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mack represented our Union at the Congress last September at Barcelona and Mr. Mack presented Mr. Kitson's paper on "Spiritualism and the Child." The paper was very well received.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the good work accomplished by Mr. and Mrs. Mack on our behalf.

We feel confident that the members of our Conference will join with us in sending our greetings to all those who are working for International Spiritualism.

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

The S.N.U. A.G.M. Report was printed in the September, 1934, issue of the LYCEUM BANNER.

**S.N.U. E.C. REPORT.**

I have attended meetings at Blackpool, Croydon and Cambridge. There being no E.C. Meeting in January, 1935, the F. and G.P. Committee acted as E.C. Much work has been done with regard to the Trust Property and Pooling Scheme and also some Insurance work.

The tone of the year has rather been spoiled for me by the note of discordance which seems to have grown up between the S.N.U. and the B.S.L.U. Personally, I deeply regret the position we find ourselves in and hope that some way may still be found to relieve the situation. I have also been a member of the Exponents' Committee, and I believe I have done my best to render service on this Committee. The question of the granting and/or withholding of the diploma has had careful consideration, and in cases where we consider the diploma is being or has been used for things other than it was intended for, the diploma has been withdrawn.

In the case of the healing diploma, this has been also carefully considered and regulations on broader lines are being discussed. The financial aspect of the S.N.U. as portrayed by its balance sheet is fairly even, and has had very useful help from good collections, &c., in various parts of the country.

W. BURROWS, S.N.U. E.C.

**NOMINATIONS OF B.S.L.U. OFFICERS, 1935-1936. LIST OF NOMINATIONS.**

*President:* Mrs. A. Calway; Mr. J. Shuttleworth; Mr. J. Slimin.

*Vice-President:* Mrs. L. George; Mr. H. C. Guy; Mr. J. Shuttleworth.

*Treasurer:* Mr. W. Burrows.

*Auditor:* Mr. J. Entwistle.

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

J. SLIMIN, *President.*  
A. MILLS, *General Secretary.*

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ELECTORAL AREAS.**

Results of Ballots taken in the Lyceums, April 14th, 1935.

**B.S.L.U. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

Area.	Candidate.	Votes.
A.	Vacant.	
B.	Mr. ED. NELLIST .. .. .	165
	Mr. G. P. ROBSON .. .. . (elected)	288
C.	Mr. F. R. COOK .. .. . (elected)	211
	Mr. WM. WAINWRIGHT .. .. .	88
D.	Mr. T. ELLIS .. .. .	unopposed
E.	Mr. A. S. DICKINSON .. .. .	109
	Mrs. E. H. ROTHWELL .. .. . (elected)	126
	Mr. W. TAYLOR .. .. .	65
F.	Mrs. L. GEORGE .. .. .	100
	Mr. O. JONES .. .. .	48
	Mr. G. A. MACK .. .. .	44
	Mr. R. ROBB .. .. .	16
	Mr. J. TAYLOR .. .. . (elected)	159

Area.	Candidate.	Votes.
G.	Mr. A. J. COE .. .. .	39
	Mr. L. JOHNSON .. .. . (elected)	44
	Mrs. E. PALING .. .. .	12
H.	Mrs. A. CALWAY .. .. .	23
	Mr. A. E. FRUIN .. .. . (elected)	189
	Mr. H. C. GUY.. .. .	45

**INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.**

The Annual Conference will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 9th, in the Connaught Hall, St. Mary's Road, Six Diles, Southampton.

Delegates will be met at both Stations by Lyceum Guides, who will be carrying copies of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Delegates arriving at the West Station will take a Northam Car, 1d. fare, and alight at Six Diles.

Delegates arriving at the Dock Station will take a Swaythling or Buterne Park Car, *via St. Mary's Road*, and alight Six Diles. Fare 1d.

The cost of meals will be 6s. per delegate: two teas and one lunch.

The price of billets for one or two nights is 7s. per delegate. Applications for billets must be made to Mr. H. C. Guy, 97, Mayfield Road, Hampton Park, Southampton, not later than the first post Saturday, June 1st, 1935. Please state quite clearly whether male or female, and whether accommodation is required for one or two nights. Except for Members of the M.C., accommodation will not be provided for Friday night.

A. MILLS, *Sec.*

**THE B.S.L.U. ANNUAL REGISTER OF LYCEUMS.**

The number of Lyceumists on the Lyceum Register during 1933 are the figures for which fees are paid during 1934, and are enumerated under the heading of "1934." The same method applies to the figures returned from Lyceums who have paid the Annual Fee on or before April 30th, 1935. The total number of Lyceumists for 1934 is 10,616, against 11,281 in 1933. The total number of Lyceums for 1934 is 230, against 240 in 1933. There is a loss of 665 Lyceumists and 10 Lyceums.

**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.**

	1934	1935
Birmingham, Handsworth .. .. .	48	50
" " Stirehley.. .. .	27	24
Smethwick .. .. .	42	48
Walsall .. .. .	98	90
Wolverhampton.. .. .	47	64

**BOLTON DISTRICT.**

Bolton, Bradford Street .. .. .	48	
" " Deane Road .. .. .	28	
Bury, Princess Street .. .. .	36	46
Horwich .. .. .	44	50
Leigh, Evans Street .. .. .	48	50
Radcliffe .. .. .	—	
Westhoughton .. .. .	33	38

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**

Bankfoot .. .. .	—	25
Bradford, Milton .. .. .	18	21
" " Otley Road .. .. .	—	16
Laisterdyke .. .. .	50	57
Keighley .. .. .	33	35
Saltaire .. .. .	22	39
Shipley .. .. .	30	34
Windhill .. .. .	50	50
Yeadon .. .. .	48	48

**COVENTRY DISTRICT.**

Coventry, Bull Street .. .. .	15	
" " Broadgate .. .. .	47	48
Nuneaton.. .. .	75	67

**HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.**

Brighouse, Commercial Street.. .. .	36	30
Halifax, Alma Street .. .. .	52	53
" " Queen's Road.. .. .	20	16
" " .. .. .	6	30
Hebden Bridge .. .. .	13	17
Huddersfield, Ramsden Street .. .. .	36	36
" " St. Peter Street.. .. .	24	31
Quarmby.. .. .	—	

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	1934	1935		1934	1935
Slaithwaite .. .. .	34	16			
Sowerby Bridge .. .. .	75	67			
West Vale .. .. .	24				
LEEDS DISTRICT.					
Batley .. .. .	32	30			
Batley Carr .. .. .	54	75			
Castleford .. .. .	70	49			
Cleckheaton .. .. .	43				
Dewsbury .. .. .	103	107			
Heckmondwike .. .. .	21	31			
Hemsworth .. .. .	25	34			
Hull, Dairycoates .. .. .	50	50			
"  Holborn Hall .. .. .	16				
Leeds, Armley .. .. .	42	41			
"  Horsforth .. .. .	16				
"  Psycho .. .. .	50	53			
Liversedge .. .. .	—	—			
Normanton .. .. .	36				
Wakefield .. .. .	50	38			
York .. .. .	34	36			
Kippax .. .. .	20	20			
Royston .. .. .	45	50			
LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.					
Birkenhead .. .. .	47	50			
Chester .. .. .	29	24			
Liverpool, Daulby Hall .. .. .	61	65			
Rock Ferry .. .. .	40	26			
Runcorn .. .. .	24	30			
Southport .. .. .	26	22			
St. Helens .. .. .	47	45			
Warrington .. .. .	118	110			
Wigan .. .. .	28	34			
LONDON DISTRICT.					
Anerley .. .. .	32				
Bowes Park .. .. .	23	19			
Brixton .. .. .	88	75			
Clapham .. .. .	49	44			
Croydon .. .. .	32	—			
Eltham .. .. .	36	37			
Forest Hill .. .. .	48	50			
Fulham .. .. .	75	80			
Hackney .. .. .	45	45			
Kingston-on-Thames .. .. .	36	17			
Lewisham .. .. .	31	41			
Manor Park .. .. .	53	48			
New Malden .. .. .	26	25			
Peckham .. .. .	43	32			
Plaistow .. .. .	49	43			
Rochester Square .. .. .	49	46			
Southend and Westcliff .. .. .	50	37			
Stratford .. .. .	48	48			
Tottenham and Edmonton .. .. .	24	30			
Tottenham, High Road .. .. .	40	45			
Hampton Wick and Teddington .. .. .	35	28			
Wembley .. .. .	11	22			
Walthamstow .. .. .	—	25			
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.					
Hollinwood .. .. .	74	95			
Manchester, Progressive .. .. .	49	50			
Cheetham Hill .. .. .	42	60			
Collyhurst .. .. .	49	24			
Droylsden .. .. .	19				
Harpurhey .. .. .	49	48			
Longsight .. .. .	63	61			
Milton, Eccles .. .. .	30	30			
Moss Side .. .. .	31	37			
Moston .. .. .	38	39			
Newton Heath .. .. .	73	79			
New Manchester .. .. .	50	50			
Pendleton .. .. .	65	47			
Princess Hall .. .. .	50				
Salford .. .. .	26	21			
Stretford .. .. .	47	30			
Gorton .. .. .	35	26			
Ashton-on-Mersey .. .. .	16				
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.					
Ashton-under-Lyne .. .. .	47	46			
Congleton .. .. .	46	44			
Heaton Norris .. .. .	44	22			
Hyde .. .. .	46	36			
Leek .. .. .	45	44			
Macclesfield .. .. .	43	36			
Stockport Central .. .. .	33	30			
NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.					
Accrington, Pearl Street .. .. .	50	42			
Barnoldswick, West End .. .. .	48	32			
Barrow, Dalkeith Street .. .. .	89	75			
"  Harley Street .. .. .	40	48			
Blackburn .. .. .	94	96			
Blackpool .. .. .	88	96			
Burnley, Hammerton Street .. .. .	46	34			
"  North Street .. .. .	73	53			
Darwen .. .. .	94	85			
Earby, Greenend Avenue .. .. .	22	22			
Fleetwood .. .. .	146				
Lancaster, Alliance .. .. .	—	—			
"  Bulk Road .. .. .	84	74			
Nelson .. .. .	68	70			
Padiham .. .. .	50	47			
Preston, Central .. .. .	38	35			
Rawtenstall .. .. .	34	29			
Rishton .. .. .	26	30			
Morecambe .. .. .	31	16			
NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.					
Beeston .. .. .	30	42			
Belper .. .. .	100	100			
Derby .. .. .	39	26			
Eastwood .. .. .	30				
Hucknall .. .. .	—	—			
Leicester, Liberty Progressive .. .. .	48	48			
Kirkby .. .. .	49				
Lincoln, Midland .. .. .	23	41			
Mansfield .. .. .	48	49			
Nottingham, Mechanics .. .. .	20	14			
"  Pearson's Buildings .. .. .	23				
"  Beaconsfield Street .. .. .	26	31			
"  Chaucer Street .. .. .	37	50			
"  Sherwood Street N. .. .. .	46	48			
Ripley, Codnor and District .. .. .	34				
Stapleford .. .. .	25	23			
Sutton-in-Ashfield .. .. .	24	34			
SCOTTISH DISTRICT.					
Edinburgh .. .. .	50	42			
Glasgow, Govan .. .. .	42				
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.					
Barnsley, New Street .. .. .	50	50			
"  North Pavement .. .. .	46	44			
"  Grace Street .. .. .	75	50			
Chesterfield .. .. .	72	75			
Doncaster, Baker Street .. .. .	43	39			
"  Catherine Street .. .. .	34	28			
Mexborough .. .. .	34	47			
Parkgate .. .. .	50	36			
Rotherham .. .. .	64	64			
Scunthorpe .. .. .	17				
Sheffield, Attercliffe .. .. .	83	56			
"  Darnall .. .. .	45	41			
"  Heeley, Gifford Road .. .. .	80	65			
"  Heeley, Woodseats .. .. .	48	55			
West Melton .. .. .	50	39			
Wombwell .. .. .	47	48			
Goldthorpe .. .. .		50			
Thurcroft .. .. .	46	50			
Stainforth .. .. .	—				
SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.					
Bristol, Providence Hall .. .. .	58	50			
Eastleigh .. .. .	19	32			
Portsmouth .. .. .	75	100			

LYCEUMIST OR SPIRITUALIST—WHICH?

BY WALTER TAYLOR, A.N.S.C.

	1934	1935
Reading .. .. .	48	32
Ryde, Belvedere Hall .. .. .	23	..
Southampton .. .. .	74	50

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

Bacup .. .. .	75	68
Dearnley .. .. .	40	47
Middleton, Gilmour Street .. .. .	33	36
.. Oldhall Street .. .. .	18	..
Oldham, Central .. .. .	40	30
.. Crescent .. .. .	30	..
Rochdale, Baillie Street .. .. .	32	32
.. Baron Street .. .. .	40	55
.. Halliwell Street .. .. .	41	..
.. Regent Street .. .. .	56	48
Shaw, Duke Street .. .. .	31	24
Todmorden, Eagle Street .. .. .	25	25
.. Roomfield Buildings .. .. .	34	29

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

Cardiff, Park Grove .. .. .	75	75
Caerau .. .. .	50	50
Newport, Albany Hall .. .. .	37	33
Tredegar .. .. .	26	19

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

Darlington, Psycho. .. .. .	42	38
Durham .. .. .	35	22
Billingham .. .. .	44	..
Easington Colliery .. .. .	48	49
Grangetown .. .. .	50	..
Horden .. .. .	50	46
Middlesbrough, Grange Road .. .. .	88	121
.. Wilson Street .. .. .	40	..
Shildon .. .. .	96	42
Southbank-on-Tees .. .. .	44	35
Stockton, Cecil Street .. .. .	38	40
West Hartlepool, Charles Street .. .. .	35	35
.. Musgrave Street .. .. .	74	47
Crook .. .. .	24	48

TYNE-SIDE DISTRICT.

Ashington .. .. .	50	50
Craghead .. .. .	50	50
Dunston-on-Tyne .. .. .	..	48
Hetton and District .. .. .	94	94
Hirst .. .. .	125	120
Jarrow, 101a, Ellison Street .. .. .	29	28
Monkwearmouth .. .. .	90	98
Newburn-on-Tyne .. .. .	100	90
Newcastle, Benwell .. .. .	71	50
.. Heaton and Byker .. .. .	65	69
.. Rye Hill .. .. .	32	35
.. Wallsend .. .. .	..	50
North Shields .. .. .	84	98
South Shields, Fowler Street .. .. .	74	75
Southwick-on-Wear .. .. .	50	50
Sunderland .. .. .	31	..
Tyneside Centre .. .. .	32	32
Seaham Harbour .. .. .	50	..
West Stanley .. .. .	48	..
West Pelton .. .. .	39	39
Whitley Bay .. .. .	50	48
Gateshead, Beaconsfield Street .. .. .	55	42
.. Rectory Hall .. .. .	50	50

AREA LYCEUMS.

Carlisle .. .. .	27	28
Grimsby .. .. .	50	..
Hanley .. .. .	50	45
Northampton .. .. .	38	45
Peterborough .. .. .	68	50
Longton .. .. .	75	96

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LYCEUMS.

Calgary, National .. .. .	42	23
Calgary .. .. .	32	..
Winnipeg, Polson Avenue .. .. .	45	38
New Westminster .. .. .	35	..

When Alfred Kitson was endeavouring to inaugurate the Lyceum Movement he was opposed by several prominent spiritualists of that day. I contend that we have to-day not a few of the same mind as the opponents of "Dad" Kitson; some deliberately so, some unconsciously.

Terrible to think was the thought that children should be introduced into the seance room, they said; as though the idea of the Lyceum was another way of saying seance or circle.

I am not going to say that there is a wide difference between a Lyceumist and a spiritualist, but I do strongly hold that a Lyceumist (I mean a Lyceumist in the fullest sense) is a spiritualist in the fullest sense of the word, more so than the spiritualist who is not a Lyceumist. That sentence is a little involved but contemplation will make it clear.

What do I mean by a Lyceumist in the fullest sense. First of all I mean one who has not been creedbound in youth; for say and do what we will the impressions of early youth remain with us more or less throughout our lives, the young mind being, as the adage has it, like wax to receive and like marble to retain.

Surely we are not going to say that those who are members and sometimes officers in our Churches and Lyceums, are Spiritualists and Lyceumists in the fullest sense of those words when, if it comes to a question of a marriage or interment or a naming, they go to the Christian Church for those ceremonies, believing that if those "acts" were gone through in the Spiritualist Church or Lyceum, they would not conform to proprietary, or they would not be legal as some imagine.

On the question of 'Naming' alone, is it not common to hear Lyceumists and Spiritualists talk about children being "Christened" in our Churches? The word is, or should be, foreign to Spiritualism. They seem not to realise that the ceremony of Christening is the act which is supposed to cleanse the child from inherent sin.

We may just as well say that we believe in Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden (as I suppose some Spiritualists do); for it follows if we have to cleanse infants from sin by the ceremony of Baptism, there must have been an original sinner. He, of course, was Adam; so all born of Adam are sinners.

My point is that you cannot believe in the ceremony of Christening without believing in Adam, the original sinner, and Christ, the only saviour.

If there is a class of people who believe in these things and also accept survival, and like to call themselves Spiritualists well and good, but they are certainly not Lyceumists, not in the fullest sense of the word, though some of them may have their names on the Lyceum Register.

I am not trying to be personal, my only aim is to be clear.

We are undoubtedly a conglomeration of all shades of opinion, but there must be and is, a basic point upon which most of us will agree. And to the true Lyceumist that point is the displacement of creed by conduct.

That is not such a wide or general statement as may

at first be thought. We do not, for instance, value "forms and ceremonies"; they are only essential to those who need them. If you feel that you want cleansing from the sin of having been born, then by all means be baptised. But all that a Lyceumist wants is a name. Make a pretty little ceremony out of giving him a name if you like, but do not prize the sign for more than it signifies.

How many can let go their forms and ceremonies? Not many. "Oh, you know, it has always been like that," they say. Tradition: it takes a strong man to break away from it.

At the present day there is an essential difference between a Lyceumist and a Spiritualist; again I must stress, *in the fullest sense of those words*.

That essential difference is made manifest in strained relations between many Churches and Lyceums up and down the country. The truth of the matter is that the Lyceum is in many cases the one propagating true Spiritualism.

I am sure of myself when I make that statement or I would not do so. What do we find upon a survey of the present day situation? We find organised Spiritualist Churches affiliated to the S.N.U. adopting the same procedure to expound spiritualism as the many proprietary places adopt in order to draw the questionable masses.

Instead of aiming higher, they are content to pander to phenomena-seeking people. These people are mostly creedbound by orthodoxy, and whilst they become members of our churches and sit on committees and attain office (and incidently oppose Lyceumists for their "advanced tendencies"), their own children attend Christian places of worship, because, "Well, you know, Spiritualism isn't *really* a religion."

Let us get this straight, is there an essential difference between Christianity and Spiritualism or not? I have shown earlier that there is a basic, a fundamental difference. (Read Education Handbook, No. 2.)

That being so then let us put our house in order. I do not say that we should bitterly oppose those who want to present survival with a Christian bias, rather do I think we should collaborate with them, and yet agree to differ. But I do say we must get to the root of the trouble and stop this silly pandering to a sordid taste for phenomena just for the sake of phenomena.

I declare that the progress of the Movement is being held up by many of our churches having got into a rut of "circle, circle, circle!" which do not, after all, go much towards proving human survival, but are simply concerned with giving the individual what he comes for.

But the Lyceum is a totally different proposition, and there can be no fusion until there is more similarity between the two.

Take your Lyceum speaker on the spiritualist platform; if he be a Lyceumist in the fullest sense of the word, his message stands out clear and distinct from the many addresses given by speakers with an orthodox training behind them, who, in spite of any splendid qualifications they may have, cannot help but contradict one another, because you cannot hitch the broken down waggon of belief to the speedy horse of fact.

I believe in constructive effort, so let me give what I think are constructive suggestions. First of all the Lyceum must lead the way in a proclamation of the

originality, the tolerance and the comprehensiveness of spiritualism; embracing as it does all that is known and all that ever can be known; weeding out the unnecessary and cultivating the good and the beautiful. It must remain educational, but become more and more propagandist.

Many students of Spiritualism are coming to the conclusion that the "aftercircle" is the curse of our Movement, resulting as it does in cheapening mediumship.

I believe that many Church Committees would be prepared to discontinue the practice were it not for financial considerations. That is where the spiritualists of to-day will have to be pioneers as they were in Alfred Kitson's day, only in another sense. They will have to be prepared to undergo sacrifices and face loss, but the material loss will, I sincerely believe, be a spiritual gain. There is no other way: and unless we take that way we shall perish, as do all things of the earth.

The problems are many, but they are not too great to be tackled: if we conscientiously play our parts in solving these problems we shall be hastening that day when,

"New arts shall bloom  
Of loftier mould,  
And mightier music thrill the sky  
And every life shall be a song,  
When all the earth is paradise.

## SHIELD PRESENTATION.

On Saturday, April 6th, Lyceumists from the Bolton Lyceum District Council met at Westhoughton for a tea-party and social. The tea was provided by the Westhoughton Lyceumists and was enjoyed by all.

At the very enjoyable social in the evening Mrs. E. H. Rothwell, of Blackpool, presented the Shield to the Westhoughton Lyceum. Mrs. A. Mills, President of the Council, presided, and welcomed everybody to the party.

Miss Butterfield, the District Visitor for last year, spoke encouragingly to the Lyceumists. Mrs. Rothwell very gracefully presented the Shield to Mr. W. Wignall, the late Conductor of Westhoughton Lyceum. She spoke on the Lyceum training, showing just how beneficial it could be to Lyceumists in their everyday life.

Mrs. Powers, President of the Westhoughton Church, said that she felt that but for the pioneer efforts of their elder workers the Lyceum would not now be receiving the Shield as being the most efficient Lyceum in the Council last year. Several of the visiting Lyceumists remembered the time when Mr. Powers would conduct a Session even if he was the only Lyceumist to attend that morning.

Mr. Wignall expressed his appreciation of the help he had had from his fellow-Officers and Lyceumists. He said he realised that he personally could not have won the Shield. It had needed the combined efforts of the whole Lyceum.

Mrs. Giles and Mrs. Cornwell moved and seconded the vote of thanks to Mrs. Rothwell, and Mrs. Hope expressed her appreciation of the work of the older members.

Everyone had a good time, and the ties of the Council were well strengthened by the party and social.

## OUR READERS' VIEWS. AFFECTION AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

Dear Sir,

I venture to offer my contribution to the subject raised by the Editorial in the April BANNER.

Affection would be the link which would bind two people together in spite of one being more spiritually developed than the other.

Let us consider two people who have developed to the same degree of spirituality. They would find a certain amount of happiness in mutual understanding, the relating of experiences and interchange of ideas. If they were continually together, there would be too much of a sameness and they could not be of real service to each other. Now, service is the highest form of development, and whilst perfect harmony and enjoyment is desired, this cannot be the only aim, when there are others who need help. Affection is a strong link. A person may have some very bad faults, with some very good qualities which at times make them very lovable. The one who has reached a greater degree of development should exercise patience and tact to help the other overcome the bad fault, and in this way would be of service. The one of lesser degree might not be fully conscious of the spiritual effect of the other, but would unconsciously be aspiring as the result of the close association. In the absence of the more highly evolved one they would miss something necessary to spiritual happiness, whilst the other would feel an urge to return to be of help and real value and an outlet for abundance of love.

The question may arise as to what happens when the one of lesser degree catches up to the higher. This brings us back to the reference of the two of same degree.

I would liken this condition to the husband and wife who desire to reproduce life through which they can further extend affection and service.

In the spirit world two spirits of the same degree would possibly find different forms of service, and could re-unite with each other for exchanging ideas.

I understand that some of our spirit controls at certain times of the year withdraw from the earth plane to religious festivities in spirit realms. At this time their happiness knows no bounds. They return again to earth existence, because their great love for humanity has given them the desire to serve. I sometimes wonder whether we realise the great amount of happiness they forego for our benefit when controlling mediums in order to pass on knowledge and comfort to the earth children.

EVA. C. DEAN.

Editor, LYCEUM BANNER,

With reference to the article in the April BANNER on "What do we know of the after life," I would like to express my opinion upon the opening question.

When two people have great affection for each other, there is usually to be found between them, some link, such as similarity of temperaments, or qualities in their characters. What each admires in the other, each will attempt to emulate,

This has a tendency to make their spiritual development parallel. It has often been noted, in marriage, that the couples seem to grow like one another after a number of years.

If when they get to the other side of life, they are on different planes, the affection they hold for one another would probably be a greater force than interest in their individual development apart from each other. Surely it would be possible for the higher one to lower his development, if he so wished, in order to reach the level of his loved one. We can rise or fall in this life.

An alternative suggestion would be that their parting would be a cross they have to bear—as we have to bear them in this life—for their future mutual development, the higher developed one preferring to remain on his plane until his loved one caught him up, assisting and meeting each other whenever conditions allowed.

Yours fraternally,  
WILLIAM J. SMITH.

The Editor, THE LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,

The Lyceum is undoubtedly the greatest asset to the Spiritualist Movement. It is indeed a pity that its true value is not realised as it should be by Spiritualists. Nowhere can there be found such a marvellous system of training for those of the coming generation, the future leaders of the Spiritualist Movement, as in the Lyceum system.

That there should be an antagonism or even indifference shown by the older Spiritualists to Lyceumists is not to be wondered at. There is the inevitable clash between the orthodox prejudices of the old with the trained and clear-thinking views of the new.

There are many good and tried platform workers in our Spiritualist Churches to-day, but there is a great need for the more educated type of exponent who can raise the level of the movement to a higher pedestal, and who can enlighten the public and Spiritualists in general on the higher aspects of the Spiritualist philosophy.

The main fault with the Lyceum training is, I think, that there is too much attention given to the theoretical aspect and too little to practical expression. It is not sufficient to be able to study and know all about the Spiritualist Philosophy and the arguments against it. The primary purpose should be to be able to express this knowledge from a platform or elsewhere, to enlighten others.

The usual methods of Lyceumists to read papers from platforms condemns itself. No wonder Lyceumists are not wanted as speakers. There should be speakers' classes where Lyceumists can be taught to express their knowledge with confidence and force. With life, that only "ex tempore" speaking can give.

Yours, etc.,

JAMES M. McLINTOCK.

## AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

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ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Sunday, April 7th, was our 46th Anniversary. Mr. R. W. Marks, G.N.S.C., conducted an Open Session in the afternoon, and gave an Address in the

evening. The following contributed to the open part of the session: D. Wright, J. Hilton, J. Wright, M. Shuttleworth, J. and S. Laycock. Mrs. Jones was the soloist in the evening. Another milestone passed, and a day well spent.—W. Taylor, Sec.

**BACUP.**—Open Session held April 7th. Conductor, Mrs. Carter. Pearls, Gladys Holmes, Molly Halsall, Mrs. Turner, James Naylor, Joe Aspden. Readings: Molly Halsall, Gladys Holmes, Mr. Turner, Solos: Gladys Holmes, Mrs. Carter, Duets: Mr. Halsall and Mr. Ashcroft, Harry Salts and Mary McKenna, Percy Kemp and Mr. Turner. Quartets: Alice Ashworth, Evelyn Aspden, Lillian Ashcroft, Mrs. Halsall, Molly Halsall, Edna Taylor. Quintet: Mr. Turner, George Ashworth, James Taylor, Dennis Hollinsworth, Marching, Callisthenics, Readings and Recitations as usual. Good Session.—S. Carter, A.N.S.C., Sec.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—April 7th. The Lyceum was responsible for Church Services. Open Session held in the afternoon. Conductor, Mrs. Harding. "The Guiding Hand" written and read by Miss Elsie Thompson, was rendered as a Service of Song in the evening. Quite a profitable time spent.—R. Robb, Sec.

**BLACKBURN.** St. Peter Street.—On March 31st we held our Open Session, which was also our Lyceum Anniversary. There was a good attendance throughout the day. Recitations were given by Mrs. Entwistle and Doreen Chadwick. Solos by Clara Railton and Mrs. J. V. Railton, and Pearls by some of the Lyceumists. Our speaker was Mr. J. Slimin, of Sunderland, President of the B.S.L.U.

On Saturday evening March 30th, we held a Lyceum Re-Union and Silver Tree, which was remarkably well attended by old and new Lyceumists. A really successful weekend.—S. Lightbown, Sec.

**BRADFORD,** Laisterdyke.—Open Session April 7th. Lyceumists taking part: Messrs. Horsfield, Wood, Dickson, Clayton, Babbs, Hargreaves, M. Hobson and Mrs. Sugden and Mrs. Gale.—F. Babbs, Sec.

**BRADFORD,** Milton.—Open Session, April 7th. Songs, Recitations, Readings, Duet, Mandolin Solo, etc., given with ready response by the scholars. A very happy session.—Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

**DARWEN.**—March 30th. Our Annual Lyceum Party. Following the usual tea, the Lyceumists presented the evening's entertainment in the form of an operetta, "The Mystic Mirror," which was well played and well received by an appreciative audience. During the evening prizes for regular attendance during 1934 were presented to successful Lyceumists.—E. Entwistle, Bran. Sec.

**DONCASTER,** Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session April 7th, conducted by Miss Johnson; invocation given by Mr. Bates, the following Lyceumists taking part: L. Middleton, Mrs. Maltby, A. Ball, Betty Maltby, Brenda Maltby and Doris Dunning. A very happy session.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EARBY,** Green End Avenue.—April 7th, Open Session. Songs and recitations were well given by E. Greenhalgh, G. Blackburn, A. G. Morby, G. Morby, Mr. Geo. Bradley, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Howarth.—Alf. Geo. Morby, Sec.

**HYDE.**—On Sunday, March 17th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stopford was named in the Lyceum. The Baby's grandfather, Mr. A. S. Wright, performed the ceremony, giving the name of Audrey Mary, Spirit Name, Tulip. Sunday, April 7th, Mr. Wright again performed a naming ceremony, the Baby being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, who was duly named William, Spirit Name, Tulip. It is very pleasing to note that the parents and grandparents of these babies have been connected with the Lyceum and Church for a great number of years.—Ralph Lee, Sec.

**LANCASTER,** Bulk Road.—Open Session was held on the 7th of April, when the following took part: L. Nickles, D. Walker, D. Bleasdale and H. Dennison.

I regret to have to report the passing on of one of our youngest Lyceumists, Stella Eccles, after a long illness.—A. Stephenson, Hon. Sec.

**MANCHESTER,** Cheetham Hill.—On April 13th our Lyceum engaged the Sunshine Kiddies to give our second effort for Church funds. A clever and admirably trained troupe, whose performance was accorded a well merited ovation by a large audience. A very successful effort.—W. Wedlock, Sec.

**MIDDLESBROUGH,** Grange Road.—On Thursday, March 28th, a special Lyceum session was held, for the benefit of the Church Assembly during Anniversary Week. Young Lyceumists filled the main Offices. Many children, some from North Ormesby Mission, rendered enjoyable items. Marching and callisthenics were good under Mr. Frank Hudson, Captain of Guards. Miss Kent was pianist.—T. W. Harrison, Sec.

**PRESTON,** Moor Lane.—On Sunday April 7th, we held our Open Session. Items were given by the following children: M. Holt, C. Tallon, R. Holt, W. Lee, A. Tallon, F. Belfield, thus making it a very enjoyable session.—B. Nickolans

**ROCHDALE.**—On Saturday, April 6th, a Birthday Party was held in the Newhey Liberal Club by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, it being the twenty-first birthday of their eldest daughter, Dolly. Tea was at 5-0 p.m., followed by a lively Social, Mr. Middleton taking the chair. Later in the evening the birthday cake was served. Mrs. Dean, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mr. Middleton made a few remarks. There were about one hundred guests, mostly belonging to some Lyceum. A nice assortment of useful presents was displayed. The party was brought to a close at 10 p.m. with the singing of "God be with you."

## LYCEUM DISTRICTS COUNCIL REPORTS.

### LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Field Day and Demonstration will be held on Saturday, July 13th, 1935, at Royston, nr. Barnsley. The following have been elected:—Mrs. Fowler (Royston), Field Marshall; Assistant Marshalls, Mr. Whitelak (Batley Carr), Mr. Daisley (Leeds Psycho), Mr. Bradburn (Kippax), Mr. Whitham (York). Field Day Secretary, Mr. Silcock (Royston); Council Messenger, Miss Massey (Armley). The following Councils have been invited to send a representative: Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield, Sheffield, also District Committees and Yorkshire D.C. Royston Silver Band and Wakefield Old Band have been engaged.

A cordial invitation is given to any Lyceum to come along and join us on this day. All particulars can be obtained from the Field Day Secretary. Tea: Adults 1/-. Children 7d. each. A special tea can be supplied at 1/9 each. The latest date for Teas, July 8th. (This is important). Place of assembly, Feast Ground, near Ring of Bells (bus terminus). Souvenirs, 2d. each. Next meeting, Batley, April 27th. Field Day Secretary, Mr. Silcock, 77, Midland Road, Royston, nr. Barnsley.

### LEEDS DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORT.

Cleckheaton. Jan. 20th, 8 adults, 13 children. Interesting questions and explanations of lessons. Marching and Callisthenics good.

Hemsworth. Jan. 27th. 16 adults and 27 children. Good explanations and interesting questions by children of G.C.R. 149. A few pearls with good explanations. Marching good but Callisthenics need improving.

York. Feb. 3rd. 15 adults and 8 children. Explanations were good of M.R. 235. Marching and callisthenics good. 8 recitations by young children. Three Groups; interesting discussions. Pearls all round.

Dewsbury. Feb. 10th. 23 adults, and 28 children. Morning session, active discussion of all lessons. Marching and Callisthenics good. Five Groups, interest shown in all. Afternoon session up to standard.

Progressive spirit shown in all Lyceums.

A. DAISLEY, Junr., D.V.

### THE NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sherwood St., with 89½ marks, won the Shield, and Chaucer St. won the Silver Bell with 86½ marks, Derby (Charwood St.) following close on their heels with 85½ marks.

The presentations of Shield and Silver Bell were made by Councillor Ireland, who in the course of his remarks, thanked us for the opportunity of seeing a Lyceum session, and encouraged us to go forward.

The Mass Session, at which the presentation were made, was held in the Mechanics Minor Hall, March 31st.

A real good session, everyone pulling their weight.

L. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.