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**THE PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES  
FOR 1935-6.**

**T**HE 1935 CONFERENCE is a thing of the Past." Probably if I, or any of you, were to make that statement in a casual way in general conversation it would be received with a nonchalant assent and allowed to pass. Yet, in the light of closer examination, how utterly untrue a statement it is.

So many Lyceumists have formed the habit of regarding our Annual Conference as the end of a year's working whereas, in reality, it is the beginning. Just as the first Conference saw the formation of our Union, the beginning of our first year of work, so the Forty-sixth Conference must see the beginning of our Forty-sixth year.

In sending my greetings and good wishes, then, to all Lyceumists, I would desire that our minds should be directed to the year that lies ahead.

**GREETINGS**—to all who are to be companions in "SERVICE."

**BEST WISHES**—for the "UNITY" that will make that Service a source of well-being and **HAPPINESS TO ALL.**

I have been trying, during the few days that have intervened between Conference and the writing of this message, to detect and determine the dominant note that could be felt vibrating through our deliberations. Finally I have narrowed it down, in my own mind, to an expression of **QUIET DETERMINATION.**

We were never gay and care-free; the issues at stake were too serious. Yet, I cannot remember any signs of gloom or depression. In the minds of all assembled at our Annual gathering there seems to have been the recognition of the need for definite "accomplishment," but accomplishment by and for the Union and not for the individual or the section. Out of that spirit, I believe, came that quietly determined manner in which each point was approached and dealt with, and because of my belief I am urging that the year ahead of us may see us united in a quiet determination to *serve*.

To some, service will mean assertion; assertion of the right to express that individuality which is God's gift to each unit of His Human family. Without that assertion there is often the danger of service begetting servility. To others, service must bring in its wake tolerance. Some of us are so sure of ourselves,



so self-centred in our own belief and opinion that we lose the true idea of service in an inclination to dominate.

In my remarks to the friends assembled at the Sunday evening Propaganda meeting following Conference I drew attention to that verse in the "Manual" which speaks of Nature's **VARIED UNITY** disclosing perfection of thought.

I cannot help wondering sometimes whether we in our Lyceum Movement are making the mistake of attempting too great a measure of uniformity:—too strong an insistence on conformity to a set pattern or standard. How often do these inclinations lead us to a tendency to "lay down the Law," an endeavour to compel others to conform to **OUR** standard.

This inevitably leads to an accentuating of our "differences" and eventually to disagreement.

Seeking merely after uniformity means that our differences tend to keep us apart, whereas the ideal of a "Varied Unity" would help us to work together in harmony even with those from whom we appear to differ.

During the year that lies ahead of Our Union, then, I would urge that each one of us 'quietly determine' to strive towards a '**VARIED UNITY.**' A Unity in which all that is best and brightest in each unit may have its place and an opportunity for revelation. Let us also just as quietly determine to avoid all attempts to mould and fashion others into a mere likeness of ourselves, realising that even if we could succeed in such a purpose the result would be a dull, drab sameness, utterly unworthy of a great Cause.

I venture, then, to repeat my Greetings and wishes: May we all strive to give service; **SERVICE** in **VARIED UNITY** with the great object of bringing greater happiness into the lives of others. Then we shall:

Hear, despite material warden,  
And earthly baulks,  
A still small voice, and know that thro' His garden  
The Father walks.

J. SLIMIN,  
President, 1935-36.

## PROPAGANDA IN SOUTHAMPTON

The Management Committee of the B.S.L.U., under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Slimin, President, conducted a successful Propaganda Meeting on Sunday, June 9th, in the Connaught Hall, Southampton, following the Annual Conference of the Union.

The service opened with the singing of "The World is full of Music." Mr. Ellis pronounced the invocation.

The President opened by saying that we have got to present something that will not only justify the Lyceum Movement, but something that will stimulate interest in it, and perhaps give something that is lacking in life at the present time. We are closely identified with Spiritualism, a fact of which we must never lose sight. Our Movement began in Spiritualism. It has continued in Spiritualism. It is an aspect of Spiritualism, but it is so important an aspect that we cannot afford to dream of the time when the sight of it may be lost.

Spiritualism is something that concerns life. That is all. Life. Life is the only thing that is worth while. And life is the only thing that we shall continue to have for ever and ever, so if Spiritualism concerns life it concerns the only thing that is untiring and everlasting.

In our Lyceum Manual there is a verse which has always impressed me," said Mr. Slimin. It speaks of "Nature's dress with softly tinted roses,

And lilies wrought,

In all her varied unity discloses

God's perfect thought.

One looks round sometimes and wonders whether we, in an arrogance which we have no right to assume, try to standardise nature. To me, said the President, standardisation is something which is against Nature. There is a message in everything; there is a part to play by everyone.

And yet, standardisation of education some few years ago was in danger of adoption. If we had continued to turn out so many thousands of children upon a standard the result would have been retrogressive, not progressive.

In Spiritualism we talk of Personal Responsibility, and we think it stops with this little frame we call ourselves. My personal responsibility is to see that you have a better opportunity of living. Your personal responsibility is to see that you take advantage of that opportunity.

We must realise that Spiritualism is always responsible to the future generation. We have got to have in Spiritualism something that will attract our young; something that will make them feel responsible within themselves to that which we offer.

We come before you asking that you will come with us, join in our efforts to help the young people. So we come to you, after the strain of our week-end of legislating for the young, with our message, and ask you to consider it.

Mrs. George, the Vice-President, opened by saying that we find all through nature that there is an inward urge towards something which is higher. We find that even nature herself is trying to reach out to something higher, something better. We find that human nature is feeling that urge. Man is urging his way towards freedom by his ability to think, weigh up, and form conclusions. Many years ago a French

philosopher said that "Man is born free and yet everywhere he is bound in chains."

Mrs. George went on to say that she wondered whether the reverse was not true. When we think of man as inheriting the different qualities, the different attributes of a long line of ancestors and of traditions and limitations, one wonders whether these things have not been absorbed into him before he came into this life. Thus 'Born in chains and yet everywhere trying to gain freedom.'

On viewing the chains we find that many drastic revolutions have taken place in the striving after freedom. We find now a different conception of time and space. We are told that man is not the centre of importance. We see a law and order manifest in the whole creation, and comparatively speaking man is insignificant.

These changes may or may not be good. To some people they are disastrous.

Before we come to a conclusion let us test it. Let us ask ourselves whether these changes have given man a greater opportunity to unfold the best that is within him. If these things do give him a greater opportunity for the realisation of freedom in the sense that he can think, speak, and act for himself; if he has arrived at the time when he can become more educated; if these changes are there, then we can say that a greater freedom has been obtained.

Mrs. George quoted from the 'Manual' "The truth shall make you free." What particular implication, she said, has this to Spiritualism? In our Groups and Discussion Classes the fact is established that truth is reality. It is something which is real; something which cannot change; something that is here for all time.

But if truth is going to make us free, how are we going to find it? If we are going to find reality within ourselves and develop our freedom we must understand the laws which are in operation.

I would like to suggest, nay to state, said the speaker, that the very best Movement that will help you towards this freedom is the Lyceum Movement, where we stand for education. Education in the real sense of the word. Unfolding, bringing out of ourselves everything that it is possible to bring out. Education in the sense that we are helping the child to speak and act for itself.

The foundation of our Movement is true. Our truth is pure and simple, and we as a Lyceum Movement are doing our best to help each child to eventually gain its freedom.

Mr. Fruin followed on by assuring the Southern District that now that he was their Area Representative on the Management Committee he would do his very best to help them in any way.

He asked them to realise that in him they had one who would interest himself in their activities. He intended visiting their D.C. meetings.

He went on to appeal for support saying that we had got a fine educational system in our Movement. It is commonsense that we offer the child, and in a healthy atmosphere they hear of things that are training them for the great time to come. We are giving them something for the present day life, that is a foundation and building ground for the life to come.

After the singing of "Have Faith in One Another," Mr. Cook went on to outline his attitude towards our Lyceum Movement. He said he was a Spiritualist because he wanted to look men and women in the face. He wanted to find out the best that is in human nature.

Mr. Cook illustrated his remarks with facts about his own district in Yorkshire. He said Spiritualism had given him the incentive to speak as a free man. The Lyceum training had helped him to give expression to his feelings. He asked what were we providing for the Youth of to-day? He had appealed often to the Spiritualists in the Churches to come and help to train the young, and by their contact with the young they would realise a greater youth and a greater freedom than they had ever before known.

Mr. Cook went on to say that he had found his greatest happiness amongst the children. As a result of his Spiritualism he wanted to see better conditions in the work-a-day world; he wanted to wipe out warfare; he wanted to abolish capital punishment; he wanted to break down social barriers.

We have got to take our Spiritualism into the lives of men and women. Do not hide it. It is worth more than material wealth because it gives to us a better understanding of the life beyond.

Mr. Johnson started by saying that one of the Greek writers, a French philosopher, and now, wonder of wonders, the moderns, are finding out that the more you attempt to teach a child the less he will know.

Surely, he went on, by now the previous speakers have proved conclusively that our method of teaching is not by teaching at all, but by letting the children teach us.

Andrew Jackson Davis in his vision saw what the children were doing in the Summerland and brought his visions back to us, and he laid it down as axiomatic that "The child is the repository of infinite possibilities."

Make no mistake about it, we do not rear mediums in the Lyceum Movement. If as a result of our training and encouragement the children develop their gifts and become speakers and orators, so much the better.

We make men and women who can stand four square to every wind that blows. We are teaching them to think. We teach the children to examine and reason for themselves.

We teach them that if by their efforts the Two Worlds can be blended into one, then heaven upon earth will be accomplished.

After the singing of "Open Wide the Gates" Mrs. Helen Hughes gave a wonderful display of mediumship.

Every name and message was recognised, and Mrs. Hughes was so clear in her delivery and in her descriptions that the whole congregation marvelled.

Mr. Burrows made an appeal for the old folks of the Movement, who have sacrificed so much that we can meet in security now-a-days. He appealed for good support to the retiring collection for the Fund of Benevolence of the S.N.U.

After "Hark, I hear the Angels" Mr. Slimin pronounced the benediction, and so ended another Conference with feelings of goodwill amongst all sections of the Lyceum Movement.

A. MILLS.

## CONFERENCE ELECTIONS.

1935-36.

*President:* MR. J. SLIMIN, Sunderland.*Vice-President:* MRS. L. GEORGE, Liverpool.*Treasurer:* MR. W. BURROWS, Halifax.*General Secretary:* MRS. A. MILLS, Bury.*Auditor:* MR. J. ENTWISTLE, Blackburn.*S.N.U. E.C. Representative:* MR. W. BURROWS.*S.N.U. A.G.M. Delegates:* MRS. L. GEORGE and MR. A. E. FRUIN.

## NEW AFFORESTATION AT MACCLESFIELD.

On Saturday, May 18th, at the invitation of Councillor Potts of Macclesfield the North East Cheshire L.D.C. visited the "New Afforestation" at Langley. This is a scheme inaugurated by our host. We saw the trees in the nursery where some 25,000 are obtained from 1lb. of seed. Then the planting out of larches, firs, poplars and others where they are kept until about 6 to 9 inches; afterwards they are transplanted in the fields around the waterworks. An area of 15 miles round has been planted and this will be extended within the next three years as the right of two more large farms has lately been acquired. Some six and half million trees have been planted, and as the trees mature they will be cut out for telegraph poles, etc., thus creating permanent employment on what would otherwise be barren land. We were all very grateful to Councillor Potts, the President of Macclesfield Church and Lyceum, for a most enjoyable and educative outing and our friends at Macclesfield for a delightful tea.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Sec.

## NORTH LONDON LYCEUM.

A pretty ceremony was witnessed at Hayes Common, Kent, on Saturday, May 4th, when Lily Jones, a North London Lyceumist, was crowned May Queen for London.

It was real "Jubilee" weather, and something like 700 children took part in the ceremony, Lily's brother, also a Lyceumist, being the banner-bearer.

Although not the recognised date (May 1st) it was a typical May-Day spectacle, the pretty costumes of the children in the lovely surroundings of the country gave a fairy like aspect, which was enhanced by the pealing of the bells of the village Church,

The pageant proceeded from the Green to the Church, and the gathering was addressed by the Vicar, after which the children returned for the crowning ceremony and the May-Day revels.

Those of us who know our young friend, Lily Jones, are well aware that London could scarcely have made a better choice for its May-Queen for 1935.

W.W.D.

# OUR LYCEUM GUILD

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

Dear Guildites,

This month there are eight new members to report, and slowly but surely we are creeping towards the 500 mark. Please meet the following members of our family:—

487	F. R. Cook, Parkgate.
488	M. Kirk, Lancaster.
489	E. Townley ..
J.490	M. Peel ..
J.491	M. Townley ..
J.492	K. Jennings ..
J.493	N. Patterson.
J.494	M. Patterson ..

A special welcome to Mr. Cook, who is a member of the M.C., and our first Guildite from Parkgate. We hope you will use your eloquence in the cause of Our Guild, and be the means of persuading others to join from your district.

## Finances.

Since last month I have received 5s. renewal fees, 4s. 3d. entrance fees, 6d. new badges, and 2s. 6d. donation (Annual Conference donation from Mr. G. P. Robson for which many thanks). Total 12s. 3d. The only expenditure has been postage which amounts to 5s. 6d. So that with last month's balance of £14 6s. 3½d., we now have £14 13s. 0½d. in hand.

## Renewal Fees.

As you will have read above, two Lyceums, Warrington and Hampton Wick, have paid these, but I have heard nothing from the other Lyceums I mentioned last month. This is an absolutely final appeal to you either to pay the fees due or to write and say you no longer wish to be Guildites. I don't mind which you do, as long as you do *one* of them.

## Sick Guildites.

I have had no news of Gwen Monks this month, so hope that that means good news.

I had a letter from Mr. Higginbottom as I was leaving home for Conference to say that at last he was home again. He says: "I have managed to go out a little, but 'take-care' is the pass-word for me now. I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to participate in the cycle runs and take the Guild out as I have done previously, but there are other things I can turn my hands to, such as fretwork. But, at least, you can rest assured I shall not be totally idle. . . . Ask my Guildite friends to accept my heartfelt gratitude for their silent invocations which were impregnated in their letters, and the spirit of which was helpful during my sickness."

So please accept my thanks along with his for all you have done. From what the little birds whisper to me occasionally I think you have all received quite as much as you have given. In fact, I hear it has been suggested by one of you that you form a chain of cor-

respondence by Guildites. Let me know whether you put this idea into practice won't you? I should feel honoured if you confided in me.

Arisen Guildite.



Miss Foster.

Birthday greetings to Marian, who is 18 on July 3rd.

## Conference.

Once again Conference has come and gone, and once again I have experienced the warm greetings of Guildite delegates. Thank you all for being so kind to me, and making time to speak to me. Even if intervals for meals had been twice as long they wouldn't have been long enough for all we had to say to each other. For some things I was sorry there was no time for a Guild Report; chiefly as I had suggestions to make to you.

## To All of You.

The chief suggestion is regarding fees. It is suggested by those in Lyceums with large numbers of children to you for your consideration, that we extend the age of Juniors from 12 to 16. So that children up to the age of 16 would be Juniors, and pay 3d. to become members, receiving only a ribbon badge. Then from 16 years to 21 the entrance fee should be 6d. and over 21 years 1s. (Of course, anyone withholding the year of their birth from me would be counted as over 21.)

Then there is some dissatisfaction about renewal fees for Guildites who are the only ones in their Lyceum. These "only ones" feel that the fee of 1s. in addition to 3d. for a new badge is too much—in fact, it is more than the entry fee.

So I am asking you to think about these fees, and discuss it in your Lyceum, and then let me know what you think. I hope to be at an Education Meeting the last week-end in July, and I should like your decisions to take with me to help us to decide then. For we need a new stock of copies of Aims and Rules, and if the majority decide in favour of a change those will need to be brought up-to-date. So act immediately; for, if I do not hear from you I shall take your silence as giving consent to the changes.

# THE PASSING OF AN OLD WORKER.

BY COUN. JESSY GREENWOOD, J.P.

The Conference held at Southampton on the 8th—9th June, 1935, was shocked at the information given of the sudden passing on of a Past President of the B.S.L.U. and an active worker of many years' standing in the Rochdale and Blackpool Lyceums in the person of Mrs. Lizzie Nurse. She was happiest when surrounded by children and adults in a Session, and was a splendid leader either as Conductor, Group Teacher, organizer of entertainments, etc., and many of the 'grown-ups' in Regent St. Society owe much to her wise and sympathetic handling of matters incidental to Lyceum and Church activities.

She lived in the 'heart' of such things and probably this is where she will be missed most,—outside the home,—but surely her influence will remain in the hearts and minds of those who loved her greatly. She graduated through her Lyceum to the District Council, and to the Executive Council of the B.S.L.U. in 1906, and eventually to the highest honour this Union can offer, viz., the Presidency of the Union. This was at the Conference of 1910. She added dignity and grace to this office and since her retirement from the Management Committee, —as the Council is now called,—her interest in everything that concerned the B.S.L.U. has never lessened. I think it never will. She loved the Movement. She did not confine her activities to the Lyceum but found her place on the platforms of many Societies far and near, where her work as a medium was appreciated espe-



cially as a psychic and in numberless instances her clairvoyance was exceedingly evidential. She was a member of the S.N.U. Lizzie Nurse has left a trail of light the extent and influence of which cannot be assessed,

but its glow will be followed by many who knew her well and loved her dearly. As one amongst the rest I feel the loss of her cheery companionship and wise counsel, but I know she will not be far distant when she is needed either in the home and home circle or the larger field of Spiritualism. She was a true Spiritualist.

The duty of interring the body was my task. This took place in Rochdale Cemetery on Saturday, 8th June, amid many signs of grief. Lyceumists foregathered and helped in the service by singing "Blest be the tie that binds." Flowers as emblems of respect, love and esteem were strewn on the coffin as the committal took place and the scene ended by the singing of the Vesper. It was adieu to the casket only, now we turn our gaze to that other side of the picture and wait for a sign of her presence and a continuation of her interest in those she has 'left awhile' and in the Cause of Spiritualism.

The Regent Hall Society held a Memorial Service on Sunday evening, the 9th June, and friends gathered from far and near. Mr. Hudson was chairman, and a solo was sung by a young lady, after which an address by 'Guide Earnest' was given. **What is our duty now? To follow her example! to fill up the square! and go on to fuller and wider issues as the years advance.**

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## Items of Interest.

Our very hearty congratulations to Mrs. E. Paling of Beeston, a Guildite, who has been honoured by being made the recipient of the King's Jubilee Medal for service in the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. We are glad to know that your labours in this direction have been thus publicly acknowledged, and we are proud of the honour which has been conferred on one of our Guildites.

The last week-end in May was a red-letter one for the Guild Leader, who was the honoured guest or Daulby Guildites. On Friday evening a social gathering was held, when items of various types were given to entertain the Leader. I was greatly impressed by the wealth of talent which is possessed by these Guild-

ites, and I hope to hear more of their achievements in the future. Aiter all present had been fortified by light refreshments they were able to listen to the Guild Leader's random remarks.

Saturday I was present at the D.C. Eisteddfod, and so came into contact with those from other Lyceums, though I was sorry there was not more time for becoming acquainted.

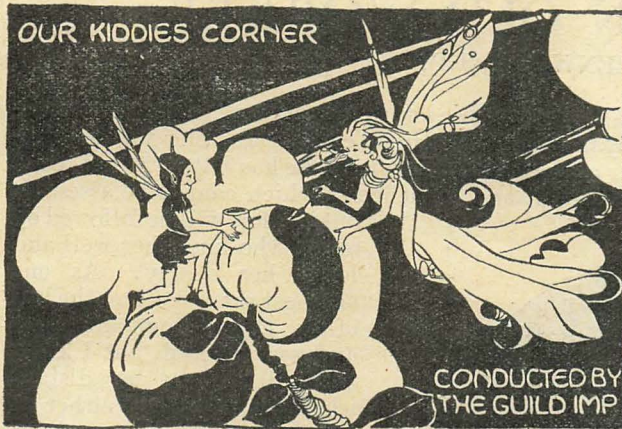
Sunday morning session brought a very happy week-end to a close, and I can only say "thank you" for the splendid welcome you gave me, and the way in which you made me feel quite at home amongst you.

Kind regards to all of you, from

GLADYS HALLIDAY.

28, Moorlands Place,  
Free School Lane, Halifax.

The Guild Leader.



Dear Little Imps,

Here we are at the holiday month again! The weeks seem to fly by like birds in the air, and Spring becomes Midsummer almost before we have time to notice the differences. Yet, all sorts of things should help us to watch the passing of the months, and the different gifts that they bring. There are the flower and fruit shops, our clothes, the games we play, and the lengthening days when birds wake up ever so early, and stay up almost as late as we do. All these things, for those with eyes to see, help to make the year into a fascinating book, in which every week, sometimes almost every day, means a new picture. And, the most wonderful pictures in that book were those of

### THE SECRET WOOD.

Far off, amongst the hills it lay. Towns and crowded streets seemed to belong to another world, when once your feet trod on the soft green carpet of the Secret Wood.

Yet, just a short walk away, was the village with its old-fashioned cottages built in a square around the quaint and ancient cross. The village nestled in the valley made lovely by its river, and many were the visitors who came to enjoy the quiet peaceful beauty of the village. The villagers welcomed their visitors from the towns, and directed them along their favourite walks, but, without exception, they never, never, sent the townspeople into the Secret Wood.

It was in such an out-of-the-way dip in the fells that the country folks themselves almost forgot about it, and so, bye and bye, they came to think of it as being a fairy wood, where mortal feet were not wanted. The flowers were left ungathered, and the birds nested fearlessly. No wonder that, very soon it became a real fairy retreat. It seemed to be a corner of Fairyland come down to earth. There, the fairyland folk could revel at their will and revel they did. Each passing month brought its own especial fairies to the Secret Wood. White Snowdrops, Golden Celandines, delicate Wind flowers, pale Primroses, tall Bluebells, purple Foxgloves, and sweet smelling Roses and Honeysuckles, all came in their turn, and each had their own wee folk. The flowers gave place to berries, and the trees carried loads of nuts to satisfy the eager squirrels, but, no matter how the wood changed, the fairies were quite safe.

What a time they had! Birds and Pixies combined to provide sweet music; butterflies and bees gaily acted as aeroplanes, and flowers became dainty homes,

whilst all the beds were claimed as cradles, and glow-worms gave light when clouds hid the starlight. Every sunny day held a fairy picnic, whilst every rainy one gave delicious shower baths to the little people of the Secret Wood.

This wonderful time had gone on for so long that all the fairies expected it to go on for ever. Then something happened, and those little people had the surprise of their lives.

It was a lovely, sunny day in July, when the wonderful thing happened. The fairies were all having their picnic, and not bothering one little bit about being seen, when *somebody walked into that wood*. A twig on the ground suddenly snapped under that somebody's foot, and all the woodland folk, for one whole second, were too scared to move. There followed a quick rustle, and then, as each one found a hiding place, a strange hush fell on the wood. Every bird stopped its song, butterflies poised on flowers, and even the grasshoppers ceased to chirp. The stranger stood still too and looked around with delight—too delighted to notice that a thousand pairs of bright eyes were peeping at her from every hiding place in that wood.

Just one peep at the newcomer and the wee folk sighed with relief, for, into their own Secret Wood had strayed a playmate, a bonny, happy looking little girl. Ida was hatless, and as the sun gleamed on her curls, even the fairies began to lose their fear, until, one by one, they crept from their hiding places to watch the child. They heard her gasp of delight at the flowers, and saw her smile as the bravest of the butterflies fluttered before her, but yet, they watched warily.

A thrush started to sing, and Ida crept nearer on top toes to hear him without frightening him. That tip-toeing quite decided the fairies. The child must be quite safe, or she wouldn't have remembered to tread softly, and so they decided to let her know the secret of the wood. As the thrush ended its song, the oldest, cleverest, fairy flew to a flower near to Ida and said, very softly, "Little girl, who brought you here?" Ida didn't seem at all surprised that a fairy should speak to her, and at once answered, "I followed a little bird, I did so want to see where he went, and I was tired of playing all alone in the fields; I am glad I came and found you here. Are there any more fairies in this wood?" For answer a host of dainty fairies showed themselves. Ida clapped her hands with joy. "Oh, please let me play with you," she begged. "I had no idea so many fairies could live in one wood. I've been in other woods and never even seen one tiny fairy, this wood is full of them. Oh, and I can see some pixies and elves, too. Is this Fairyland?"

The fairies laughed happily and then their leader said: "What a lot of questions. This wood isn't really Fairyland, but it's nearly as good as Fairyland. You see—this is the Secret Wood and no one has ever picked the flowers here. That is why we are so safe and love it so much. Keep our secret and then you shall be our playmate. Very seriously Ida gave her promise, and ever since then she has played with the fairies in the Secret Wood.

Have you found a Secret Wood, Imps? I'm going to look for one these holidays.

With love to all Imps,  
MEG.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Seeing a party of children making preparation for playing a game of "Touch" I was interested to hear them repeating a familiar verse about catching a nigger by his toe and finishing with the words "O U T spells out."

This was conducted with some amount of skill and I confess I was tempted to think the leader had played the game before because he was careful to see that the last word did not come to himself.

I hope I am not misjudging my young friend, but I could not help thinking of those lines in our Musical reading "Trust in God and do the Right."

In the second verse we read:

Perish policy and cunning!  
Perish all that fears the light!  
Whether losing, whether winning,  
"Trust in God and do the Right."

Surely in this alone we can gain a lesson, for even in the instance I have quoted we can so arrange things that a little bit of artful cunning may be allowed to creep in, but we will not let the lesson stop there. We will consider the third line of the verse

"Whether losing, whether winning."

Strange to say since I last wrote to you I seem to have continually come up against these two factors or as Kipling calls them "Imposters" when he says

"If you can meet Triumph and disaster.  
And treat these two imposters just the same."

I have attended the Conference, Three Singing and Elocution Competitions, and a Sports Day. In all these events I have seen a demonstration of people winning or losing.

For instance at the Conference we saw Lyceums who had put forward ideas which they considered good for the cause either win or lose.

In the competitions I saw competitors who had been working hard for weeks, fail to win a prize. At the Sports I saw much the same thing take place, but throughout all these events we sometimes see good losers and bad winners and good winners and bad losers. That may sound a little strange to you children, but as one Athletic Trainer said to me, "It is hard for kiddies to lose." I venture to say it is one of the hardest things for any of us, young or old, to train ourselves to be good losers, but it can be done.

There was a very fine example of this in the professional tennis match when Miss Stammers beat Mrs. Moody. I want you to know what they said about each other. First the loser: "My opponent deserved to win. I have no excuses."

The winner: "Of course I'm glad to have won, but when you play against Mrs. Moody I don't think it matters much who wins for she is such a grand sport."

That is what I consider a good loser and a good

winner, and at the events I have attended I saw losers shaking hands congratulating those who beat them. I call them, too, grand sports.

I do want you children to learn to be grand sports for you must remember that winning and losing will be two companions which will go with you through all your life.

In your games whether you captain a team and call to a bat tossed into the air, flat or round, or a coin to which you call heads or tails, you cannot always expect to win.

Likewise if you are playing Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, or Snap, you are sure to be on the losing side sometimes. Now let me explain the statement I made when I said we sometimes see good losers and bad winners and good winners and bad losers a little further.

Good losers are those who are prepared to give a word of praise to those who beat them.

Bad winners are those who get swollen heads and boast of their victories at the expense of their opponents.

Good winners are those who put out a hand to encourage the less fortunate.

Bad losers are those who make all sorts of excuses and sulk, or those who say "I shall not play again you always win." I think the best losers are to be found amongst those who say "I'll try again."

I do want you to think about these things, because you will have to face them all through life. To-day in your childhood's games or in your school examinations, and then when you grow into men and women, a thousand problems will confront you where winning and losing will play a big part in life.

Good training now will assist you to win through, so do not neglect the little chances you find along the way, and one surely must so become a real grand sport.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE 219:

Lyceum Song 378 "Chorus."

PUZZLE NO. 220:

Which Silver Chain Recitation tells Youth to be earnest.

"THE HAPPY BAND."

I have often quoted to you that true happiness comes by service. The President of our Union said in his Conference Address that "an increase of five members per Lyceum in affiliation would restore our numerical strength." I venture to add to this a further suggestion in the form of a work which each member of this band could undertake for the good of the Movement. It is to become Lyceum Visitors. I am convinced we have lost hundreds of members just because no one has interested themselves to go after those members who miss attending Sessions for a week or two. I have some very strong evidence of this fact before me. Here then is service waiting for willing workers.

I was pleased to meet several members of the band at Conference. I am now looking forward to seeing some of my Northern nieces and nephews at Newcastle this month.

With love,

UNCLE BERT.

"Ruberrondo,"  
126, Woodlands Rd.,  
Isleworth.

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## OUR OFFICIAL ORGAN.

CONFERENCE has come and gone. Delegates have met, exchanged opinions, and departed for their work in the Districts and the Lyceums.

And we are left to carry on, with their opinions to guide us, and their decisions to carry out.

Constitution has been revised and next year's Conference will be working under quite different methods to those under which this year's Conference worked.

Officers have been elected, appointments have been made, and, with the continued support and loyalty of all sections, our Officers and Management Committee look forward to a year of good and useful service on behalf of the Lyceum Union.

The LYCEUM BANNER is now directly under the control of the Management Committee, with the General Secretary as Editor. The policy of our official organ will be dictated by the Union's Management Committee and it will be the aim of those in control to act as the real indication of that which our Union represents.

Can we, therefore, appeal to our members, our Lyceumists, to rally round. Contribute your ideas and your thoughts to *your* organ, and show the world just what you think is the best way in which a Lyceumist can live a true, spiritual life, so that ultimately the world shall be the better for Lyceumists having dwelt therein.

Lyceumists, you, through your Management Committee, are now dictating the policy of the LYCEUM BANNER. Will you show that you appreciate the power that is in your hands by helping to place your policy before the world through the pages of your Official Organ, the LYCEUM BANNER.

EDITOR.

The moment we fully and vitally realise who and what we are, we begin to build our own world, even as God builds his.

## WELCOME AT B.S.L.U. CONFERENCE, SOUTHAMPTON.

Good Morning and a Welcome  
To all this day we send,  
And trust that whilst amongst us  
A happy time you'll spend.  
So that memories of your visit  
Will e'er remain in the mind  
And the work that here is started  
Will never lag behind.

To all our M.C. members  
Who steer us through troublesome days  
We would show our appreciation,  
In a hundred different ways.  
To our President, Mr. Slimin  
Striving with pen and voice  
We extend our adulation  
For the course that has been your choice.  
Battling against difficulties  
O'er roughened paths to soar.  
Breaking through many shadows  
Strengthening our Cause once more.

And now to Mr. Burrows  
Who holds the coffers' keys,  
We desire to place on record  
Our thanks for your loyalty.  
Funds should be an objective  
As an aid to tighten the reins,  
But not of chief importance  
Midst our objects and our aims.  
To serve and then to be served,  
To teach and then to be taught,  
Should be our chief objective  
In the Cause that we have sought.

In times of trouble and of stress  
With a shaking fabric, conflicting wills,  
We elected a General Secretary,  
In the person of Mrs. Mills.  
Her work this year we honour,  
She has shown a noble fight  
To rectify the errors  
Of which we cannot write.

Our Founder's Day, inspiring thought,  
Links from the past still strongly forged  
By flowers sold and flowers brought,  
Arranged and encouraged by Mrs. George.  
'Tis here we should find the contact  
With those Powers that help and lead;  
Thanks! Mrs. George for your impact  
In proving a growing need.

With all our M.C. members  
We desire to leave to-day  
A token that each can remember  
As each presses on in the fray.  
Not with flowers as is the custom,  
Not with feelings less profound,  
We give to each a book-mark  
To show how our loves abound.

We leave with all assembled  
Our grateful thanks for your aid,  
To apologise in your presence,  
For all that is left unsaid.

Mr. Keeling, our Editor,  
 For our Education and Guild,  
 Accept our Welcome and our thanks,  
 In your work for our Cause to build.  
 Let these then be our Mottos,  
 As the days succeed the days,  
 Hold on! Press on! Be heroes!  
 In everything, everywhere, always!

## THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT SOUTHAMPTON.

On Saturday, June 8th, the Management Committee of the Union held a meeting prior to the Annual Conference.

With the exception of Mr. Barnes, who has been suffering from heart trouble, all members of the Committee were present. Mr. Slimin, President, was in the Chair.

The Minutes were accepted and arising out of them Mr. Hart is to be asked to act as a proof reader for us.

Mr. Burrows reported the action taken by the Joint B.S.L.U.-S.N.U. Committee with regard to the Lincoln, Coultham St., and the Bolton, Deane Road disputes. He also reported the attitude adopted by the S.N.U. section of the Committee regarding Christian Spiritualism.

The Minutes were adopted.

Arising from correspondence it was decided to refer correspondence from Mr. Norbury to our Solicitor and to inform Mr. Norbury that any further correspondence must be addressed to the Union's solicitors.

The Committee expressed their sympathy with Mr. Barnes. The whole matter of the S.N.U. Correspondence *re* fusion was referred to correspondence in Conference.

The Treasurer's Report showed Receipts £615 2s. 1d. Expenses £547 17s. 4d. Restoration Fund to May 30th, £77 13s. 7d.

The General Report showed that 29 Lyceums have not yet paid 1935 fees. Can we ask these Lyceums, who must know about this non-payment, to seriously think the matter over and let us receive their fees as quickly as possible?

The Publishing Report showed that the number of Manuals sold this year exceeds the number sold in the corresponding period of last year by over 100. This seems to be due to the reduction in price of the more popular styles of binding.

The Banner Report was accepted, and arrangements made regarding one or two outstanding accounts. The Restoration Fund Report was presented by Mrs. George. The Education Report was referred to Conference.

The Guild Report was accepted, and a discussion ensued regarding Miss Halliday's position on the Education Committee.

The Ainsworth Home of Rest Report was accepted and questions were asked regarding the Capital Fund in the hands of the Charity Commissioners.

Conference time-table was provisionally arranged. Late applications for credentials were endorsed, with the exception of one which was neither on the official form provided for the purpose of applying for credentials, nor was it signed by the Conductor and Secretary of the Lyceum.

Movers and seconders of resolutions were appointed and M.C. Members were informed that so long as they did not prejudice the Management Committee, each Member had the fullest liberty of speech in Conference.

Services of Songs were handed to the Secretary for distribution to the Finance Committee for consideration.

At the meeting held on Sunday, July 9th, immediately following the closing of Conference the President expressed the good wishes of the Management Committee to those members who were ceasing active association with the Committee, and extended a welcome to the new Members.

The Finance Committee was appointed and consists of the following members,—President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Mr. J. Taylor.

The election of Education Committee resulted in the appointment of Mr. Slimin as Chairman, Miss Halliday, and Mrs. George as Secretary.

The Finance Committee is to meet on July 14th instead of the full Committee. Mr. Slimin, as B.S.L.U. Official Representative, will attend the North East Cheshire Lyceum D.C. Demonstration at Hyde on Saturday, July 13th.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the local people for their kindness during the week-end.

A. MILLS, Gen. Secy.

## THE PEN.

The pen's the sceptre of the world, when striking for  
 the right;  
 When wielded in the cause of man, 'tis tipp'd with  
 hallowed light.  
 The stroke that drives the rivet home, the thought  
 that guides the pen,  
 The battle fought for freedom's God, such merits  
 make the men.

Exercise your choicest gift, which is reason; fear  
 no corruption from truth, though new; and expect no  
 good from error, though long delayed.—A. J. Davis.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE L.D.C.

Saturday, July 13th, at Hyde.

LYCEUM DEMONSTRATION

PROCESSION.

3 p.m. from the Church, George Street.

SESSION.

3-30 p.m. Nelson St. Recreation Ground.

Conducted by MRS. E. EDWARDS, Council President.  
 Supported by The MAYOR and MAYORESS of HYDE,  
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# THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

TO THE 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

JUNE 8th and 9th, 1935.

*President: J. SLIMIN, Sunderland.*

Fellow Lyceumists,

At the outset let me say that I approach the task before me, the delivery of the Presidential Address to the Forty-Sixth Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U., with a seriousness that I am making no attempt to disguise.

There are times when one can look back on an uneventful period and look forward to a season of continued placidity with confidence. I cannot pretend to be in such a position to-day.

It may be that, in my anxiety for the Union's welfare, I am taking an exaggerated view of the seriousness of the present situation, but I cannot help thinking that we face together to-day a position in the Union's affairs that is, to say the least, critical. Yet, though I feel impelled to sound so sombre a note, I am not at all pessimistic or even unduly anxious. I merely recognise the especially urgent need for sober judgment and calmly made decisions during this Conference and urge each one of you to endeavour to recognise that urgent need along with me.

I will ask you, then, to follow in review the trend of events since last Conference.

At that time we had (apparently) left behind us a period of storm and stress. Unfortunate circumstances, unforeseen and unavoidable, had left us financially crippled and uncertain as to executive stability. Our Union could be compared to nothing more illustrative than a ship battered and buffeted by the storms that had raged round her. Officers and crew tired and weary, longing for a season of progress on calmer seas and under sunnier skies. To some, that season seemed to be just ahead, and I venture to say we began our year with great hope and little misgiving. What was not recognised by all is a well known sailor's axiom: that the ship is still in grave danger if its crew give way to weariness and lie down to rest before the damage done by the storm is repaired.

To lay simile and illustration aside, let me say that our actual position at last Conference was that we were beginning a period of reconstruction which only the wholehearted and united efforts of all Lyceumists could bring to a satisfactory fulfilment. I am proud of the response that has been made in the time of need. Financially we have unquestionably improved and in other ways there were early signs that we were heading for a time of increased prosperity and progress.

To-day, however, we are faced with an entirely new aspect of the situation. Recent developments have turned our consideration to a position which must be faced, as it involves the possibility of an entire change in the policy and activities of our Union.

In his Presidential Address last year your President touched on the question of 'Fusion,' but, seemingly, pressure of other, and for the time being, more important matters crowded out the consideration of the subject and the question was left in abeyance. Your M.C. explored the position at their meeting in October,

and their decisive opinion was that the time was not opportune for the introduction of so far reaching a proposal.

Meanwhile, unknown to your Management Committee, other influences were at work.

The result was that your M.C. were approached by the Council of the S.N.U. to take action for the consideration of measures for the forming of one National Organisation to cover the whole of the activities of the Spiritualist Movement. The letter in which the approach was made, however, clearly indicated that the S.N.U. Council had been led to take this step because of reports they had received which showed that the Lyceum Movement was not in a healthy condition. It also indicated the rapid approach of a crisis in the affairs of the Lyceum Union that might compel them to act independently so as to safeguard and advance the interests of the Youth of the Movement.

As I write this I am aware that before it is read to you, full consideration of the matter may have been given by Conference and some decision made. Nevertheless, even at the risk of repeating what has already been said, or even voicing an opinion at variance with those already expressed, I feel I cannot shirk the responsibility of laying before you the attitude and opinion of myself and your Management Committee.

Briefly then—and I trust that in striving after brevity I may not produce distortion—inside information clearly indicated a re-adjustment of affairs, a re-awakening of interest and enthusiasm, both of which held great promise of a future of renewed vigour and progress. On the other hand outside reports spoke of a state of unhealthiness, almost hinted at decadence and suggested the need of our work being undertaken by, or with, others presumably more fitted for the task. In such an atmosphere the amicable consideration of Fusion could not hope to survive, and I submit that the only possible answer your M.C. could give was a reiteration of their previous decision—that the time was not opportune for its consideration.

What has developed from that reply you have already heard, and, though here again I must risk the repetition of that with which you are already acquainted, I can only state with all the sincerity at my command that never in the history of our Movement has any matter been given more serious and earnest thought by its Executive Members. Your Management Committee and Trustees have met and, in collaboration, have calmly and dispassionately voiced their opinion.

If I may venture to summarise my message to Conference on this vital subject it is:

Co-operation and collaboration between the two Unions in all that affects the well-being and progress of Spiritualism? Yes, with all our hearts and minds.

Co-ordination in executive working? Yes, provided a scheme can be devised wherein the special work of each section will be recognised and adequately catered for.

Fusion which contains even an element of the danger

of absorption, or the curtailment or restriction of the enthusiasm, or liberty of the Spirit of Youth? No. We are a Youth Movement and as such we must stand no matter what may transpire.

I am confining my remarks to-day to two main topics. One I have already dealt with. The other I now approach in just as deep sincerity and, may I say, just as great a diffidence.

We have all been perturbed for some years over the decline in our membership and what appears to be, in some districts, a growing apathy towards our system.

Various reasons, some of them excuses, have been advanced as the causes of our troubles in these directions and doubtless all of them have an element of right in their advancement. Yet there must be, somewhere, one main cause which, if resolutely dealt with and overcome, will lead us to the point where all the minor difficulties can be swept away. May I advance a few ideas for your consideration.

We claim to be, nay, let me say we are, an educative organisation. I need not then apologise for quoting one who is acclaimed by many as the Father of Modern Education. One who, like our own Alfred Kitson, believed that the Child is a human being to be loved: Pestalozzi, who said, "If what you teach the Child does not make his face bright, you are either teaching him the wrong thing, or teaching him the right thing in the wrong way."

Does what we are teaching in our Lyceums *brighten the faces* of the children? Does our teaching bring into the eyes of our young people the light of joyous ardour which shows that they find life fuller and brighter and better because of what they have learned from us?

Individually we cannot answer those questions but as a Union we *must*. If we are doubtful concerning the answer then we are, as Pestalozzi says, either teaching the wrong thing or teaching the right thing in the wrong way.

Personally, I have no hesitation in affirming the "rightness" of our teaching, but what about the method?

Fifty years ago Alfred Kitson gave us a progressive system. Its teachings were right. Its method was good because it was ahead of its day. The teachings are still right but how about the method? Are we still ahead of our times or are we even keeping pace with them?

Modern education has advanced with such rapid strides that it has left not only the aged but the middle aged people of our day gazing amazedly in its wake. The pedantic instructional methods of forty years ago have entirely disappeared and in their place we have developed a new relationship between teacher and pupil which recognises the opportunity to acquire knowledge as being more important than the mere imparting of facts.

I admit that in our Lyceums we have had the idea and ideal of these things before us for some time, but one cannot help wondering whether we put our ideas and ideals into action or merely pay lip service to them.

The question seems to be, "Are we clinging to the old method of trying to teach Youth just what we think it should know, say of Spiritualism and all it implies, instead of providing opportunities for Youth to find a fuller and better Spiritualism than we have ever known."

We must "Make the faces of the children bright." Then we must study more the needs and desires of our

Children, and, for this appears to me the great necessity, our young men and women.

In some districts, I know, and I am pleased to know it, you are putting into practice the idea I am trying to suggest, but that is not enough. Our desire is not for a Movement with bright spots here and there but for a brighter Movement. Youth will always respond to brightness, beauty, movement and action. More than that, Youth is always seeking these things and you will retain Youth where these things are to be found.

Let me conclude then with a practical suggestion. You are to be asked during this week-end to lay down a rule that your Education Committee should consist of Educationalists. Why not consider the establishment of another, additional if you wish, Education Committee whose work would be, not the mapping out of courses of study and the setting of examination papers, but the collection and correlation of data that could be introduced into our Movement with a view to the improvement of our Educational methods. Not what we should teach, but HOW.

Whether you consider such a course wise or necessary rests with you, but of this I am sure; if from our gathering here there can be promoted a real desire in each one of us to search diligently for the main cause underlying our lack of numerical progress, we shall have accomplished something worth while.

I have refrained from offering any comment on matters contained in the various reports and recommendations in the Agenda. Those are for your consideration and decision.

Here are a few facts and figures, however, that may help and guide you in your consideration of our future policy and activities. Again, I am striving after brevity.

- (1) An increase of five members per Lyceum in Affiliation would restore our numerical strength.
- (2) If Lyceums were formed in 50% of the National Spiritualist Churches where at present there is no Lyceum functioning the Affiliation Fees received would give us a cash surplus on our year's working.
- (3) In London we have 1,072 Lyceumists: Manchester 599; Sheffield, 217. Apart from these there is not a large City or Town in the United Kingdom with 200 Lyceumists. An interesting study in statistics and percentages for anyone who cares to undertake it.
- (4) If each District Council in turn would undertake to entertain the M.C. on the Rota system of meetings, a minimum saving of £20 per year could be effected, apart from the benefit of Propaganda Meetings.

Before I close I wish to pay tribute to my Colleagues of the M.C. for the willing and wholehearted service they have rendered to the Union during a difficult and somewhat trying year. If the spirit of good fellowship and willing service they have shown can permeate our Union in the days that lie ahead, then our future cannot be anything but a bright and happy one.

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Mr. J. Nurse and family wish to thank all those who have expressed their sympathy during their sudden bereavement.

It is impossible to reply to all the letters, so will everybody please accept this as the sincere appreciation of the esteem in which Mrs. Nurse was held throughout the Movement.

# OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.  
Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

For the examinations 68 Lyceums have entered candidates including one Overseas Lyceum, Calgary, Canada.

Entries are encouraging—three more Lyceums have entered candidates than was the case last year.

Entries have been received from Lyceums who have not previously entered, one of these has decided to start at the very bottom and has entered 23 Candidates for the Oral Grades.

## ENTRIES AND SITTERS.

	Oral	I	II	III	IV	V	Total
Entries, 1935 ..	220	203	68	42	30	26	589
Entries, 1934 ..	181	156	90	48	34	24	533
+ or - ..	+39	+47	-22	-6	-4	+2	

1935: 68 Lyceums entered; 1934: 65 Lyceums entered; a gain of 3.

Sitters .. ..	172	169	55	43	26	22	487
Entered .. ..	220	203	68	42	30	26	589
Losses of Sitters against Entries ..	48	34	13	+1	4	4	103 Loss

Grade II entries are the most disappointing. I find upon reviewing the 1934 and 1935 lists, that the bulk of the failures in 1934 have not re-entered. I would appeal to all who have previously failed in any previous examinations, to again take the examination. Surely, you are not going to let your previous attempt, with all its preparatory work go, without trying to achieve something tangible.

As with Grade II so is the case with Grade V failures. Some of these have not taken up the grade again. WHY?

A general understanding of our philosophy and phenomena should enable you to take the Grade quite easily: will you try again?

The July Education meeting has been fixed for July 27th and 28th.

## SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

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

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

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MR. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.  
Oral Grade: MR. J. SLIMIN, 69, Newcastle Road, Sunderland.

## WELL DONE LONDON.

It was with pleasure that I witnessed the Annual Sports Meeting of the London D.C., held at the well-equipped track at Battersea Park. Such events will surely improve the physical and mental health of the Lyceumists who took part. Credit is due to the energetic Sports Committee on being able to stage such a fine meeting with such precision and harmony. Everybody was happy, even those who were not in the prize list. They all enjoyed it, the 140 entrants and those who witnessed. We could do with more of these meetings. Now then, North! What about it!

E.W.

## LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL. 7th ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

The Seventh Annual Sports Meeting of the London Lyceum District Council was held at Battersea Park Running Track, Whit. Monday.

There was a good attendance of visitors from Churches and Lyceums to witness the 139 competitors who had entered for track events.

The Fulham Lyceumists, who have done so much in raising funds for the Council's Athletic Club, were the winners of the Championship Cup, gaining 139 points. Hackney were the runners-up with 54. Victor Ludorum Cups went to George Gilbert (Clapham), Ernest Crane (Fulham), Elna Henley (Lewisham), Frank Petz (Fulham).

Altogether 36 Silver Medal Awards, 70 Certificates and a number of Fancy Event Prizes, including seven books, presented by the *Two Worlds* Publishing Co., were presented by Mr. Fruin, the President, at the close of events.

A Social Evening, arranged by the Fulham Lyceumists, ended a most successful day. Votes of thanks were expressed to the Officers and those who had assisted during the day. Mr. Fruin, and Miss Fruin, the Athletics Secretary, suitably responded on behalf of the club.

In order that other Lyceums may take up this idea of attracting Youth to our Movement, we give a detailed list of events, showing the first three winners and times.

## TRACK EVENTS

40 Yards (7 to 9).—Boys: George Gilbert (Clapham); Gordon Anderson (Wembley); Ronald Lovell (Clapham). 7sec. Girls: Irene Brant (Fulham); Irene Bellingham (Hackney); Elsie Jackney (Hackney). 7sec.

60 Yards (7 to 9).—Boys: George Gilbert (Clapham); Gordon Thomas (Fulham); Ronald Lovell (Clapham). 10sec. Girls: Irene Brant (Fulham); Irene Bellingham (Hackney); Phyllis Williams (Hackney). 9sec.

75 Yards (7 to 9).—Boys: George Gilbert (Clapham); Gordon Thomas (Fulham); Ronald Lovell (Clapham). 11 sec. Girls: Irene Bellingham (Clapham); Irene Brant (Fulham); Phyllis Williams (Hackney). 11sec.

100 Yards (10 to 13).—Boys: Edward Coward (Kingston); Ernest Crane (Fulham); Alfred Carpenter (Fulham). 13sec. Girls: Joyce Betts (Croydon); Margaret James (Rochester Sqr.); Olive Coward (Kingston). 14sec.

220 Yards (10 to 13).—Boys: Ernest Crane (Fulham); Alfred Leaves (Hackney); Alan Perks (Fulham). 32sec. Girls: Margaret James (Rochester Sqr.); Joyce Betts (Croydon); Edna Bellingham (Hackney). 33sec.

High Jump (10 to 13).—Boys: Alan Bradley (Hackney); Leonard Stevens (Wembley); Ernest Bellingham (Hackney). Girls: Eileen Morris (Fulham); Poppy Ward (Manor Park); Violet Gilbert (Clapham).

Long Jump (10 to 13).—Boys: Geoffrey Powell (Wembley); Ernest Crane (Fulham); Alan Bradley (Hackney). Girls:

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

To All Lyceumists,

Perhaps, for the sake of those Lyceumists who are really interested in our Restoration Fund and also to try and create a lively interest in our fund by others, a brief résumé of our year's work will be welcome.

Up to Conference last year, the amount received by me was £174 18s. 4d., this year the amount was £83 3s. 0d., making a difference of £91 15s. 4d., which means that up to Conference, less than half the amount of last year was subscribed.

No doubt, the splendid efforts of last year were helped by special personal donations, and the majority of Lyceumists felt the urgency of the financial position of the Union, which stimulated special efforts in response to the appeal of the Manchester Conference.

It is quite possible that, having realised a somewhat substantial sum, although nothing like the amount required, many of us are resting more or less content in having done our bit. The prevailing thought may be, that now apparently, the Union has turned a corner, all is smooth sailing and definite efforts are not needed, thus the continued efforts of last year are falling off.

Before the Buttercups were dispatched for Founder's Day this year, I was asked whether I anticipated a greater success than the response of 1934. Two points of view presented themselves. Firstly, the possibility of a poorer response on the grounds that most new schemes receive the enthusiasm of "the flash in the pan," and secondly, the possibility of a much better response, on the grounds that according to correspondence received, many Lyceums had not understood the object and necessity of contributing to Flower Day. I am sorry to say that this year's effort has realised my first point of view, and the result has not been too good.

But there is one redeeming factor which makes it hopeful for next year, and that is, although a large number of Flowers were returned, those that were disposed of, in comparison to last year, realised a greater amount. This suggests that those who did contribute, did so more generously.

The profit on this year's flowers is £42 17s. 6d., which averages about 3s. 6d. on those Lyceums who have donated. I am sorry to report that twelve Lyceums returned all the flowers unsold. May we hope that next year every Lyceum will realise their obligation and contribute something, however small the amount.

Our very grateful thanks are specially due to Lyceums who have made persistent and continued efforts apart from Flower Day. I know that some of these Lyceums are not rich in finance, but because they realise that no organisation can be kept up without money, they have collected pennies until they grew into shillings and in some cases pounds.

I am going to make another appeal for the PENNY A WEEK COLLECTION. The majority of Lyceumists would not miss a penny every Sunday and all these pennies can be utilised for the benefit of Our Lyceum Movement. If in some districts a penny is really more than Lyceumists can afford, why not try a ½d. Please have another try to stimulate more enthusiasm in our Fund.

This month the following further donations have been received and acknowledged:

## Flower Day. Donations.

Woodseats, Heeley Ly., Miss V. Spooner, 5s.; Bolton, Bradford St., Miss A. Cliff, 3s.; Middlesbrough Lyceum, Mr. T. W. Harrison, 10s.; Total, 18s.

## Donations.

Hyde Lyceum, Mr. Lee, 1s.; Chester Lyceum, Mr. Evans, 1s. 4d.; Draw, gift of Mrs. Dean, £1 3s. 8d.; Mr. Robb, 2s.; Mr. J. Taylor, 1s. 6d.; Total, £1 9s. 6d. Grand total, £2 7s. 6d. Will those Lyceums that have not yet sent along their flower day donation, please do so as quickly as possible.

Heartiest greetings to all,  
85, Queen's Road, LILLIE GEORGE, Hon. Sec.  
Everton, Liverpool, 6.

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Eileen Morris (Fulham); Poppy Ward (Manor Park); Joyce Morris (Fulham).

100 Yards (14 to 16).—Boys: Ronald Pearson; Alfred Shelley (Fulham). 13sec. Girls: Elna Henley (Lewisham); Marie Powell (Wembley); Winifred Gilbert (Clapham). 14sec.

220 Yards (14 to 16).—Boys: Alfred Shelley; Ronald Pearson (Fulham); Edwin Stevens (Wembley). 30sec. Girls: Elna Henley (Lewisham); Connie Richards (Hackney). 34sec.

440 Yards (14 to 16).—Boys: Ronald Pearson (Fulham); Edwin Stevens (Wembley). 1min. 15sec. Girls: Elna Henley (Lewisham). w.o.

High Jump (14 to 16).—Boys: Eric Reeves (Stratford); Len Ker (Hackney); Edwin Stevens (Wembley). Girls: Connie Richards (Hackney); Winifred Gilbert (Clapham); Edna Henley (Lewisham).

Long Jump (14 to 16).—Boys: Len Ker (Hackney). w.o. Girls: Connie Richards (Hackney); Elna Henley (Lewisham); Marie Powell (Wembley).

100 Yards (17 and over).—Men: Stanley Bones (Manor Park); Frank Petz; Ralph Southern (Fulham). 11 sec. Ladies: Lily Nyst (Peckham); Beryl Hazelwood; Kathleen Tyler (Fulham). 11sec.

220 Yards (17 and over).—Men: Ralph Southern; Frank Petz (Fulham); Richard Cameron (Lewisham). 26sec. Ladies: Lily Nyst (Peckham); Beryl Hazelwood; Marjorie Brant (Fulham). 32sec.

440 Yards (17 and over).—Men: Ralph Southern (Fulham); Roy Williams (Hackney); William Ward (Wembley). 1min. 7sec. Ladies: Beryl Hazelwood (Fulham); Phyllis Watts (Peckham); Marjorie Brant (Fulham). 1min. 22sec.

880 Yards (17 and over).—Men: Frank Petz; Ralph Southern (Fulham); Eric Reeves (Stratford). 3min. 14sec.

( Mile (14 and over).—Men: Frank Petz (Fulham); William Ford (Wembley); Ernest Port (Malden). 9min. 3sec.

Hurdles, 120 Yards.—Frank Petz; Ralph Southern (Fulham); Eric Reeves (Stratford). 20sec.

Hurdles, 80 Yards.—Ladies: Kathleen Tyler (Fulham); Connie Richards (Hackney); Winifred Gilbert (Clapham). 13sec.

High and Long Jumps (17 and over).—Fulham.  
Inter Lyceum Relays.—Fulham and Hackney.

We offer congratulations to the Secretaries, Trainers and Competitors, who did so much to make this sports day the best yet held, and the support of the President of the L.D.C., S.N.U., together with other officers, was appreciated.

Progress is vital to life. We must be ready for each new step, otherwise we fall out of line. Improvement and advancement come just as quickly as they can be tackled when the present task is carried out to the best of ability.

Any discrimination based upon prejudice or intolerance would certainly violate the letter and spirit of any forward movement. A new association could not be built up on such a basis. It is not the brand, it is the principle, the spirit of a movement, which counts.

## A FEW THOUGHTS ON HAPPINESS.

BY LILLIE GEORGE, A.N.S.C.

AS WE observe the many different phases of life, the fierce battles, the struggles for existence, the disappointed ambitions and probable hundreds of other phases of life, many of us may, unthinkingly, come to the conclusion that the human soul, clothed with a physical body, appears to be carelessly thrown upon the great Universe, to be tossed about hither and thither with no choice of how it should develop itself; with no set purpose, and often forced by circumstance, not of its own making to do the best it can or to use a very common expression, "to jog along."

It would almost seem on the surface that we have existence on this earthplane solely to overcome obstacles; to fight down conditions, and to more or less copy those around us. Then after struggling and striving until we are tired out, find little result worth mentioning.

No doubt, everyone at some time or another, has asked the question, "What is the purpose of it all?" Why should this state of existence prevail? Is not "happiness" the natural endowment of mankind?"

But is happiness an endowment, is it a gift, or is it an acquisition, and may it not be true that before we can taste of the deeper joys of happiness, we must be able to appreciate the simpler forms?

Apart from all the misery and suffering are there not countless simple blessings which can bring joy and tranquility, if only we have a mind to see and understand them?

The very air we breathe! Has it ever occurred to you what a small amount of really fresh air we take in, on account of improper breathing? Fresh air, so full of health-giving force, the first requisite towards a healthy body, which in turn helps towards a healthy mind. Our very physical condition so often determines the quality of our thoughts and consequently the aspect of our life. Healthy people are usually happy and radiate a degree of happiness which is contagious to those around them.

Again do we appreciate sufficiently the ever changing beauty of the panorama of nature, which is so conducive to a tranquility of mind? The natural music of the birds, bursting their throats in their endeavour to tell us of the "Joy of living!" The country resplendent with its glorious and harmonious colouring! Those in search of simple happiness may find it in the Divine Revelations of Nature, and these are always open to those who can become attuned to them. But if man has not the desire nor the capacity within himself to find it, not all the beauty and glory of the Universe, can give him this simple happiness.

But there is a deeper happiness which can only be found through the development of those human qualities, which bring us into relationship one with another.

It has been said, that the only way to true happiness is to make others happy. This maxim is not always easy to carry out. Some people appear to be happy only when they are "miserable," forgetting that their miserable long faces and pessimistic attitude towards life affect everyone with whom they come into contact. This miserable outlook is often caused by their wrong

attitude of mind, their concentration upon themselves as individuals, their definitely material outlook and meeting trouble half way. If we are not careful, our reaction to this is, that instead of making them happy, we only succeed in making ourselves miserable. Some people are born grumblers and even if they lived in a Utopian Age they would find something about which to complain; others are naturally hopeful and optimistic and find happiness anywhere.

This brings us to an important point, namely, that we can help others to be happy, only if they are prepared to receive that happiness. Unless others are in a condition and frame of mind to respond to happiness it makes it difficult for us to give happiness. This suggests that the desire for happiness and the necessary attitude of mind to receive happiness are the first steps towards its attainment. The initial step then rests with ourselves and happiness is an attribute or quality that is earned rather than bestowed upon us.

This first step taken, we gradually open the way for co-operation with others of like mind and this leads us to the realisation of the necessity of finding our true relationship one to another, which results in a deeper happiness. Here we find our second Principle, the Brotherhood of Man, forming the basis upon which we must work. This Principle implies a moral and human interest in the welfare of others.

How can we develop this interest? By keeping our minds alert and developing a keen sense of the "Oneness" of humanity. The outcome of this will bring the realisation of the part we, as individuals, must play in this Oneness.

There is an inexhaustible fountain of knowledge, as yet unexplored. Alert minds will be stimulated to develop all the necessary faculties whereby this knowledge can be gained and then impart it to humanity. Ignorance, as well as selfishness and pessimism is an obstacle to happiness. The part we must play then is to search for everything which is true and beautiful, and in this search come into contact with other minds, past and present, building up our human relationships in such a way, that the importance and significance of real Brotherhood may stand out in all its strength and beauty.

Even a superficial study of Nature, Art, Music, Poetry, History, Science, Philosophy and Religion will lay the foundation for the development of an attitude of mind that is ready to receive happiness at any time and in all circumstances.

The way to be happy is to make others happy; the way to make others happy is through the realisation that the perfect oneness of humanity, which means happiness for all, can only be achieved when each unit recognises the obligation of co-operation and willing response to everything that tends to Unity, Unfoldment and Progress of Humanity.

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

G. VALE OWEN.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, The LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,

In regarding, with mutual agreement, the letter contributed by J. M. McLintock in the May issue, I too feel that our Lyceum is the best "jumping-off" ground for the exponents of the real Spiritualists' Philosophy. One finds in the methods of teaching and instruction in the Lyceum an excellent means of developing a sure and reasonable knowledge concerning the three-fold nature of man, *viz.*: the physical, mental and spiritual. This has a direct tendency to give a well-balanced attitude to life in general. Reason is taught to be exercised as freely as the emotions—the lack of either does not contribute to the success desired.

There is a grave danger, however, to our Movement—accentuated by its ever growing popularity—by the free and early access to its platforms of those new adherents to its Philosophy (or *phenomena which?*). A fact which in its elements tends to destroy rather than be constructive. It is accepted that those who are new to the movement and its implications bring with them many of the orthodox conceptions and methods, and there is a gradual growth of conflict and confusion in the minds of those who seek for the Truth concerning Spiritualism and its philosophy. One realizes only too well the difficulty of shedding the barnacles of orthodoxy—of creeds and dogmas all in a moment. This takes time and it is essential that they should be replaced by the true tenets and fundamental principles of Spiritualism. By the constant study of the Lyceum teachings the prejudice and bias created by orthodoxy are gradually placated by a new and more enlarged vision (I realize this by experience!).

Spiritualists of long-standing should strive to encourage and foster the Lyceum Movement if they wish to see their beloved Cause advance to greater conquests.

So far as the method applied to practical expression is concerned I think that employed in the Lyceum of allowing its students to discuss freely the S.R.'s and G.C.R.'s is an admirable way of developing "*ex tempore*" speaking and, furthermore gives one of the first essentials to that art, "self-confidence."

Lyceumism provides an excellent repository of knowledge for its students. It has a fine system of teaching—if carried out—of how and what to think, but what about those spiritual reinforcements? Can we leave them out? No! Without these we should still lack that fire—that heat of eloquence which gives life and confidence to all inspired speakers. Let us then provide a solid structure of mental fodder, enabling our spirit helpers to work in a better way and then with a well-founded mental basis a higher and more enlightened aspect of our philosophy will be given to the world.

The work of the finest craftsmen is determined very often by the tools he has to handle. Let us, as Lyceumists, provide those tools which will enable the best work to be done. "Knowledge is Power"—the power that will lift as well as push forward.

Let us kindle the fires of enthusiasm within our hearts that even the worst storms shall not damp the ardour of our efforts.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN F. MORLEY.

## LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

## BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Westhoughton on May 18th. The meeting commenced at 3 p.m., Mrs. Mills, President, was in the Chair. Invocation by Mr. Charnley.

Minutes of A.G. Meeting were accepted and adopted.

In her address the President mentioned the two Council social events of the past quarter: the Presentation of the Shield to Westhoughton Lyceum and the Competitive Concert held at Horwich, which were remarkable for the enthusiasm aroused.

The District Visitor reported two visits, one to Bury and the other to Bolton (Bradford Street).

A keen discussion was held on Conference business and the delegate was instructed on the way to vote.

Interchange of Conductors: date and order of change arranged.

A vote of thanks to Westhoughton Lyceum for their hospitality closed a good meeting.

H. CHARNLEY, Sec.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Parkgate N.S.C. entertained the Council at the Quarterly Meeting on May 26th. Discussion on the President's Address resulted in the Council adopting a reversion to having bi-monthly meetings, from 1936, instead of quarterly as now. It was decided to suspend the Council's Pooling Scheme for 12 months. The E.C.'s recommendations concerning a fixed lunch time, etc., so as to save the time of Council, were approved.

We were pleased to place on record our hearty appreciation of the loyal work of Mr. H. Heath, for 10 years our Secretary, and to give a slight acknowledgment of this service. Mr. F. Cook (Area Rep.) ably made the presentation.

As an interesting diversion to an ordinary session, an Open-air Session was held on the Mangham Recreation Ground. The close questioning of some of the young people was noticeable.

The Secretary was instructed to circularise all Lyceums at the first possible moment to adopt a general opening and closing salute for Lyceum Sessions.

Mr. A. Bruce, G.N.S.C., gave a short address, "Spiritualism and the Child," in the evening; Mr. Gregory giving psychic demonstration.

All associates and delegates should make a point of rallying to our next meeting at the newly-built Wombwell Church, on August 18th; we will appreciate your attendance.

JAMES LE NOURY, G.N.S.C., (Sec.)

## AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

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ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—On June 2nd the following contributed to a very successful Open Session:—F. Laycock, Jean Hilton, Raymond Hilton, P. Edwards, F. Laycock, G. Jenkinson, J. Wright, B. Edwards, M. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Jones, May Challoner, Mrs. Shuttleworth and Stella Wright.—W. Taylor, Sec.

BACUP.—On June 2nd we held our monthly Open Session and Special Services, afternoon and evening. Afternoon: Mass Open Session. Pearls, recitations, readings, solos, duets, etc. Evening: Special service. The Building of "Bridge Beautiful," by 22 Lyceum scholars. Each scholar laid a block and recited a part from a reading in Lyceum Manual, until the bridge was completed. It was a most interesting and beautiful performance. Good congregations and everyone delighted with services.—S. Carter, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—We held our Open Session on May 26th, about 50 being present. A recitation was given by Hazel Holding. Solo by May Wood. Mr. J. Coghlan, of Darwen, was our speaker for the day and he gave a very good

address to the Lyceum on the question of Fusion between the B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. An interesting Session for everyone.—S. Lightbown, Sec.

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On June 2nd we held our Election of Officers. We have been a little backward at our Lyceum, but we hope in future to pull together and make our Lyceum as it was years ago. We give thanks to retiring Officers.—Miss Betty Whittaker, Sec.

**BRADFORD**, Laisterdyke.—Open Session June 2nd. A very good response. We are practising service of song called "Signal Lights" for Anniversary, July 15th.—F. Babbs, Sec.

**BRADFORD**, Milton.—Open Session June 2nd. Songs, recitations, readings by the Lyceumists. A good and very instructive session. Conductor, Miss F. Clayton; Musical Director, Mrs. Hird.—Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD**.—On June 2nd the Open Session commenced with Hymn No. 382. After the marching and calisthenics, which were conducted by Mr. Heath, individual efforts were given by Mervyn and Glyn Cowell, Irene Hobster, Marian Orwin, Betty Bennett, Shirley Widdowson and Betty Holmes. An interesting and enjoyable session was brought to a close with Hymn No. 365.—S. Hobster, Session Sec.

**DARWEN**.—June 2nd, the Lyceum Flower Day. At the morning session, gifts of wild and cultivated flowers were brought by the children to decorate the Lyceum. The usual evening Church service was suspended and in its place an Open Lyceum Session was held and was greatly enjoyed by all present.—E. Entwistle, Ban. Sec.

**DEWSBURY**.—On Whit. Monday our Lyceum walked in procession through the main streets, headed by the Gawthorpe Vic. Prize Band, upwards of 200 taking part. Lyceum songs were sung at various places en route. Owing to the field not being fit for the children, they returned to the schoolroom and had a good tea, and the evening was happily spent in games and dancing. Mr. V. Hartley marshalled the procession, Mr. J. Whittles conducted the singing, Mr. H. Gregory had charge of Banner. All worked harmoniously together for a successful day.—E. Wilson.

**DONCASTER**, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session on June 2nd, Miss Johnson conducting session. The following Lyceumists took part:—Mr. Bates, Miss Goose, L. Middleton, D. Dunning, Betty and Brenda Maltby, A. Ball, Bobby Dunning. We regret to record the passing of one of our old Lyceumists, Mrs. Trout, on June 12th, mother of our Conductor, Mr. Trout. Our loss but their gain.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EARBY**, Greenend Avenue.—June 2nd, songs and recitations well given by G. Blackburn, Tom Bradley, Geo. Morby, N. Hodgkinson, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Howarth, Alf. Geo. Morby, Mr. Millican.—A. G. Morby, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD**.—Open Session, June 2nd. Recitations by E. Ramsbottom, M. Holden. Solos: G. Johnson, Mrs. H. Doswell, Mrs. W. Doswell, F. Pickvance. Duet: M. Pickvance and E. Shaw. Quarter: S. Johnson, A. Sumner, W. Whittle and Mr. Johnson.—E. Shaw, Sec.

**HOLLINWOOD**.—On Friday, June 14th, we held our Annual Whit. Week Walk. The St. John's Ambulance Band was in attendance. In the afternoon we went down to our recreation ground. Games, races, tennis and cricket were enjoyed by Lyceumists and friends. All spent a pleasant day. We have endeavoured to prove to the people of Hollinwood the fact that Spiritualism is a very real and active movement, and are now hoping it will bring in new Lyceumists, ever remembering the Lyceum motto is "The workers win."

On June 15th we had our Lyceum Trip, when over 50 children and adults spent a good day at New Brighton. We were favoured with brilliant sunshine. All returned home tired but feeling the better for their day by the sea.—J. Fairbotham, Sec.

**LANCASTER**, Bulk Road.—Our Open Session was held on June 2nd, when recitations, solos and pearls were given by a number of Lyceumists. We also had a new Lyceumist named by one of our oldest Lyceumists (Mrs. Tounley). He received the name of William George Patterson; spirit name "Strength." I am pleased to report progress in our Lyceum.—A. Stephenson, Sec.

**MANCHESTER**, Cheetham Hill.—On Whit. Friday our Lyceum held their Annual Outing. 40 members visited Marple, where an enjoyable time was spent, and it was a tired but happy party which returned to Cheetham Hill.—W. Wedlock, Sec.

**MANCHESTER**, Maskell Street.—Open Session, June 2nd, when Mr. Bentley conducted. Mr. Street and Mr. Thornton

conducted the marching and calisthenics. In the evening recitations and solos were rendered. Mr. Thornton and Miss Jackson conducted marching and calisthenics. Everyone enjoyed the session.

On June 16th we had our Annual Outing to Southport. There were only a few attended, but all had an enjoyable time.—H. Ball, Sec.

**PARKGATE** (Rotherham).—On May 6th we took part in the Jubilee procession, along with other Sunday schools. We were placed second.

On May 12th Lyceum officers took full charge of Church evening services with great success.

June 2nd. Open Session, when, in addition to usual routine, the following gave recitations:—John Fox, Derek Belton, Neil Cooper. Pearls from Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. J. H. Gothard, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Dowell, Miss E. Dowell, Mr. E. Belton.—J. H. Gothard, Sec.

**PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE**.—On May 26th we were happy to have with us Mrs. Fielder, wife of a late President, who kindly presented prizes to 38 of our scholars. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in Open Session, the children reciting, singing and rendering musical duets, thus making an enjoyable afternoon.—F. Moule, Sec.

**PRESTON**, Moor Lane.—June 2nd, we held our Open Session, commencing with two minutes silence for the passing into the spirit world of our old Lyceumist, Mrs. Wilson. The young children rendered recitations and the morning was well spent.

**RAWTENSTALL**.—Open Session, June 2nd. Pearls: Hamish Taylor. Recitations: Mary Wixted, Alice Tann, Alice Howarth. Solo: Alice Howarth. Mary Stansfield closed with prayer.—Mrs. Whitaker, Sec.

**RYDE**, Newport Street.—On May 23rd we held our Annual Summer Outing. All journeyed to Gurnard by charabanc, where games were played and races run. At about 6 o'clock we went into Newport to Mrs. Gifford's house, to a tea which was greatly enjoyed, after which we came back home in the charabanc over the downs. Everyone was tired but happy and all agreed that it had been a splendid day.—Dorothy Perkes, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD**, Heeley Woodseats.—June 2nd, Open Session. The Church President, Mr. Jefferock, unveiled our new Banner. An enjoyable time was spent by a goodly number of Lyceumists and visitors. Very hard work has been done in the past six months in order to make this purchase in time to use when walking with the Sheffield Sunday School Union Whit. Monday procession. We hope, by doing so, a more tolerant spirit may be created towards Spiritualism. Conductor, L. Grant.—Vera Spooner, Sec.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE**.—June 2nd, Lyceum Anniversary Session. Conductor, Mr. J. Riley, assisted by Mr. T. H. Wright. Mr. H. Boddington, our speaker, was welcomed by Barbara Foster. Recitations by Mary Holt, Doreen Foster, Joe Mitchell, Albert Moran, Lewis Dean. Pianoforte solos by Herbert Sutcliffe and Barbara Foster. Pearls by Miss A. Holt, Mrs. R. Booth, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Glasby. Greetings from the Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C., Alma Street, B.S.L.U. Management Committee, Unity Church and Miss Hirst of Portsmouth.—Miss F. M. Lees, Sec.

**WALTHAMSTOW**.—May 26th, Open Session, conducted by Uncle Bert, absorbed the interest of the Lyceum. Good questions, explanations and efforts made an afternoon well spent.—E. A. Whiter.

**WARRINGTON**.—On May 5th a Memorial Session was held at Warrington Lyceum to the memory of our late Lyceumist, Marion Foster. A recitation was given by Rhoda Feat, which was specially composed for the occasion by Wm. Dunning.

On the same evening a memorial service was held at the Church, which was conducted by Mrs. Clitheroe of Wigan, the tenor of which revealed the respect and admiration which our members held for Marion and her parents.—Arthur Gledhill, Sec.

**YORK**.—June 2nd, Lyceum Open Sessions. 2-30: Conductor, Miss A. Gibson; 6-30: Conductor, Mrs. Agar. Recitations, solos, duets and pearls were excellently rendered. Tea was served to all at a small charge.—S. Whitwam, Sec.

**WINNIPEG**, First Spiritualist Church Lyceum.—We held a very enjoyable Open Session, Sunday, April 7th, when pearls, recitations and solos were rendered by Eileen and Edith Nichols, Raymond Parkinson, Brian and Daphne Orchard, Florence Greenwood, Daisy Knox, Ezra J. Parkinson, Miss M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forrest.—O. Forrest, Sec.