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HOLLINWOOD.**

Retiring Rose Queen



CHRISSIE MORROW.

Rose Queen Elect.



MAY PRESTON.

On Saturday 17th August we are holding our Second Annual Crowning of the Rose Queen and will be pleased to welcome all friends who can make it convenient to come and join us.

PROGRAMME: 2-30 p.m. Procession from School to Ground.

3-0 p.m. Crowning of the Rose Queen (Miss May Preston). Mrs. Sellars, one of our old workers, will officiate at the ceremony.

TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS will be provided at a small cost. After tea individual efforts are being arranged for the entertainment of all friends. Games and sports will be indulged in.

The **WERNETH AND DISTRICT SILVER PRIZE BAND** will be in attendance throughout the day.

Dancing will take place during the evening.

Price of Admission—Adults 4d. Children 2d. In the event of unsuitable weather the ceremony will take place in the schoolroom.

J. FAIRBOTHAM, *Sec.*

MACCLESFIELD CHURCH'S APPRECIATION.

A very happy gathering was held at the Macclesfield Church on July 9th to mark the birthday anniversaries of two well respected members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Challinor, who have been connected with the Macclesfield Church for many years.

A grandfather chair, for which members and friends had subscribed, was presented to Mr. Challinor, who was 70 on June 24th, and a bouquet was given to Mrs. Challinor, whose birthday was on Tuesday.

Councillor Potts, who is President of the Church, made the presentation of the chair, and spoke of the work and association of Mr. and Mrs. Challinor with the Church. He welcomed those present, and stated that the reason for the gathering was to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Challinor. He referred to the book of life and said they might have their libraries and valuable books, but there was no volume more valuable than the book of life. Surveying the

work of Mr. and Mrs. Challinor, Councillor Potts said that they had set an example for future generations.

Mr. Challinor suitably responded, and received a buttonhole of carnations and white heather from his grand-daughter, Miss Joan Challinor.

A bouquet of carnations and heather was presented to Mrs. Challinor by Miss Phyllis Swindells and Miss Betty Kenyon.

During the evening songs were rendered by Miss F. Edwards and Mrs. Cross. Recitations were rendered by Miss P. Swindells, A.L.C.M., and Miss R. Price. Mr. D. Scott, A.T.C.L., accompanied.

Mr. and Mrs. Challinor have been members of the Macclesfield Lyceum for 53 years. They met at the Lyceum and have a married life of 47 years.

We wish them continued happiness, and hope that they will long be spared to help forward the good work that is being done at the Macclesfield Church and Lyceum.

OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PAGE

OUR page this month must, of necessity, contain a number of references to matters dealt with in other parts of the BANNER, but we trust that its careful perusal will reveal progress being made with regard to those matters and evidence of active interest on the part of those in responsible positions.

We have entered the holiday season of the year and, strange anomaly though it may appear to some, that season brings to your Officers and E.C. members a certain amount of anxiety.

Why Lyceum interests and activities should flag with the advent of sunshine and recreative periods is a problem not easy to solve. That these things do happen is all too apparent to your officials and, naturally, there always arises just that element of doubt and anxiety as to whether the flagging interest will be revived in every case.

The Treasurer anxiously plans an arrangement of his finances to tide over the slack period and fervently hopes that the Autumn and Winter 'boom' will bring him a surplus over previous years. The Secretary views each morning's post with a slight frown and wishes more Lyceums would send along their orders for the Union's publications and re-stock their cupboard during the Summer. We hope Lyceumists will endeavour to visualise this state of affairs and do their share towards rectifying it.

Outdoor Demonstrations.

The North-East Cheshire District Council are to be congratulated on their splendid Demonstration held at Hyde on Saturday, July 13th. The Union was represented by the President and North-East Cheshire's example, including the request for official representation, is one that might well be followed by other Districts.

Conference Echos.

Arising out of the findings of the recent Conference several important items are engaging the attention of the M.C. but definite action on some matters will have to lie in abeyance until the full M.C. meet in October: (Following the custom of the past few years the business of the July M.C. meeting was delegated to the Finance Committee.)

Constitution.

The revised Constitution is in course of preparation for printing. The various alterations and amendments are being tabulated and checked by the Secretary and Finance Committee, and it is hoped that copies of the new Constitution will be available for sale at an early date.

Banner.

The changed policy of the Union regarding the BANNER Editorship has been put into practical effect.

In a greater sense than ever before the BANNER is now the official organ of the Union, but it must be pointed out that it is neither the policy nor desire of the M.C. to fill its pages with official news. Space will always be available for "Topical" and "Interest" articles, and we appeal to our readers to send to the Editor any contributions that will help to maintain a bright and helpful Official Journal.

Badges.

The Finance Committee have made the necessary arrangements for the delivery of the first consignment of new Badges. An endeavour is being made to maintain an adequate supply and at the same time avoid the holding of an unnecessarily large stock with its consequent heavy Capital outlay. This can only be done with the co-operation of Lyceums when ordering Badges.

We would suggest Lyceums ordering in quantities slightly in excess of immediate requirements so that a small number could always be on hand for emergencies. In this way, not only would you avoid the sending of 'rush' orders for small parcels, with the extra cost of package and postage, but you would lighten the labour of the Secretary and also help the Finance Committee in the maintenance of stock.

Ainsworth Home of Rest.

Applications for treatment under the Home of Rest scheme show a decided increase in number and the Union's Officers, on whom the approval or rejection of applications devolves, are feeling perturbed lest the funds available prove insufficient for the granting of treatment to all deserving cases.

It would, of course, be easy to approve all applications until funds were exhausted and then suspend all H.O.R. activities until further funds accumulated.

It would be deplorable, however, if such a course were adopted and the Committee was, at some time, faced with the necessity of rejecting applications, possibly more deserving than some that had been approved, because there was no money available for treatment.

Conductors and Secretaries of Lyceums are asked, therefore, before completing application forms, to satisfy themselves that the position and circumstances of the applicant justify the recommendation. It must be remembered that the primary object of the fund is to provide *convalescent* treatment for *indigent* Lyceumists.

Rota Scheme.

The Finance Committee, acting on M.C. instructions, have prepared a draft scheme for the holding of M.C. meetings in the various Districts on the "Rota System" and particulars of their suggestions will be found on another page of this issue.

It must be remembered that, whilst the list of meetings submitted is provisional, and subject to alteration, the Committee have taken into consideration and have been largely guided by the need of a fair distribution of costs and travelling. It is hoped that the D.C.s concerned will, as far as possible, try to accommodate their arrangements to the list as drawn up and help the M.C. in the revival of a scheme that in the past unquestionably proved a source of inspiration and enthusiasm to Lyceumists throughout the Country.

We know of no better method of promoting real harmony and understanding between the separate units of our Union than that provided by the periodical visits of those to whom is entrusted the executive work of the Union.

We look ahead with great hope to the revival of the Rota Scheme.

On behalf of the M.C.,

J. SLIMIN, *President*.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD

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

Dear Guildites,

This month we have passed the 500 mark, and here is the list of new members for you to welcome:—

- 495 E. Tomlinson, Derby (Charnwood Street).
- J.496 L. Higginbottom, Derby
- 497 D. I. Trimmer, Southampton (Cavendish Gr.).
- J.498 R. Ayrton, Rotherham.
- J.499 J. Pingree, Rotherham.
- J.500 H. Ball, Rotherham.
- J.501 L. Ayrton, Rotherham.

Welcome to each one of you, but especially to Miss Trimmer, our first Guildite from Southampton. I don't suppose she will mind if I tell you about her—anyhow, I hope she won't. Although Miss Trimmer's home and Lyceum is at Southampton, she doesn't often get there, as she is on the Emergency Staff of the Surrey County Nursing Association, with headquarters at Guildford. Because of her work she is not able to attend Lyceum sessions as she would like, but does so whenever possible, and always wears her Lyceum badge with her uniform. In the first days of Our Guild, when Miss Kitson was Guild Leader, there were many members from Southampton—Miss Trimmer amongst them—and now that she has once more broken the ice I hope others will follow suit.

Finances.

This month I have received 3s. 3d. entrance fees; 3s. 6d. renewal fees; 1s. 6d. transfer fees, and 2s. 0d. donation from Mrs. E. Guy (Nellie Kitson's birthday gift). Together with last month's balance of £14 13s. 0½d., that makes a total of £15 3s. 3½d., while the postage for the month is 6s. 8d. So that the balance in hand now is £14 16s. 7½d.

I was ever so pleased to hear from Shipley and Heaton Norris and also to receive their renewal fees. I think that by the end of the year these will have been paid by everyone concerned. At least, I am living in hope.

Sick Guildites.

The day after my last article had been posted I had news of Gwen Monks. I am pleased to say that she is so much better that she has gone to stay with friends at Repton, near Derby. I also received a photo. of Gwen, taken during the last few weeks, and what a surprise it gave me! I should never have thought that she had been so seriously ill, for she looks the picture of health.

Mr. Higginbottom has also written, primarily to introduce me to the two new Guildites from Derby, and also to tell me that he was expecting to go to Skegness for a fortnight's convalescence. May the sea breezes do their work, and make him feel better than he has felt for a long time.

To All of You.

At last I have had another letter from Windsor, Ontario. This time the letter was from Mr. J. W.

Weber, who is President of the Spiritualist Church of the Border Cities, while his wife, Mrs. Weber, is the Guild Mother. (I think that is rather a nice title, don't you?) Let me quote from his letter, so that you will learn something about the work he has done for Spiritualism in Canada. He says: "I am extremely proud of our young people and will do all in my power to advance their work. I am also very proud of our Church and Lyceum, and have been with them for some time. In fact I was a member of this Church as far back as 1924, and when it almost broke up, a Mr. Dipple and myself carried it on for a year by ourselves and met expenses out of our own pocket, when offerings were insufficient to pay them. In 1926 Mr. Dipple left me alone and I carried it alone until 1927, when it was reorganised and the name changed. I was then elected its first President, and have filled that office ever since. I was also President of the old Church for almost two years. I have also been our Lyceum Conductor for the past 16 months, as well as the Vice-President of the S.N.U. of Canada for the past 18 months, and was district representative for the S.N.U. for two years before becoming its V.P. So you see I have had a little experience in matters in connection with our Cause. . . . Now, in closing, I extend to you my most sincere wishes for prosperity of your Guild, and the British S.N.U., as well as the B.S.L.U."

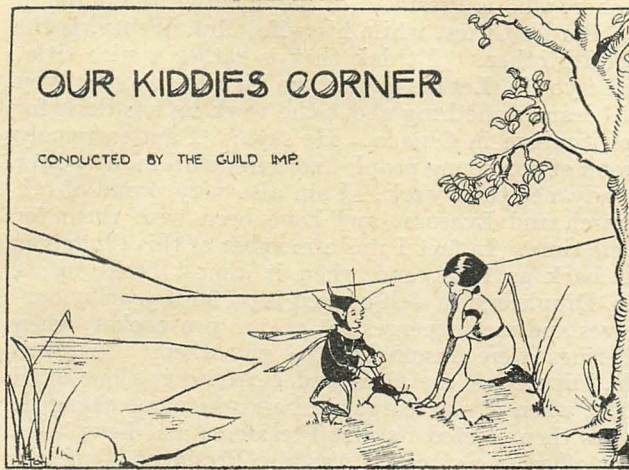
Surely you will agree with me when I say that that is a splendid record, and one of which Mr. Weber can justly feel proud. May you long be spared to carry on the work, Mr. Weber!

That brings a thought to me. I wonder how many of our Churches and Lyceums are in similar positions to that of the Border Cities. I mean, in how many Churches are the Church President and Lyceum Conductor the same person. If there are any cases like that I should like to know, and I should be extremely grateful if the conductors concerned would write to me, giving the name of their Church and Lyceum. It would be rather interesting to know how many there are.

Will those who intend writing to me during the month of August please remember that that is holiday month. And, as most of you know, I am one of those fortunate people who get a month's holiday. (This is not merely due to luck, but to the vision and foresight of my parents, who denied themselves for many years to give me the necessary training. All that I did was to work hard to pass exams., and now I am amply repaid for missing all the pleasures and enjoyments of youth that were denied to me. That, by the way, is a digression.) Now to get back to the point—My house will be closed for the month, but I have arranged for letters to be forwarded to me. That means there will be some delay in answering them. So, please, bear with me, won't you?

May I wish all of you a very pleasant holiday of the kind that appeals to you most? And if you are not one of the lucky ones going to the seaside or country, may you find time to do the things you have always wanted to do, and when you return to your everyday labours, may you be happy with the joy of accomplishment! This is the wish of

The Guild Leader,
28, Moorlands Place,
Free School Lane,
Halifax. GLADYS HALLIDAY.



Dear Little Imps,

Isn't it good to think that school doors are locked for a whole month? I wonder if the things inside the schools are as happy about that as we are? Perhaps they are like the people who think holidays should be rest-days. If things could speak, so that we might hear them, they would have some funny things to tell. Our toys, I think, would have the funniest tales, for, some of them have a rest whilst we have school weeks and play with us on holidays, some are only remembered on sunny holidays, and others are only brought out on the cold, dark days. I wonder how they feel when we forget about them?

IN THE TOY SHOP.

It was the beginning of August, and for the second time that week, the manager of the toy-shop, arranged his shop-window. He smiled as worked, for just now, shop-window dressing was very easily done. "I don't need to worry very much about what to put in the window this time," he thought. "Children all want the same things just now. Plenty of buckets and spades, some brightly coloured balls of all sizes, ships, bats and balls, and a few funny floating toys are all I need this month." For a moment he frowned. "Hmm!" he murmured "that will be all if the sun shines enough. If rain comes, I'll have all this work to do again. I do hope the weather-clerk is kind and sends sunshine."

The man worked steadily on and in a short time his window was full of toys for sunny days by the sea, for that shop was quite close to a lovely beach. Before long, children were dragging their grown-up folks to gaze at the window—and begging for some of the bright new toys. Fathers and mothers seemed almost helpless about it. At heart, they, too, wanted to join in the fun on the sands, and soon that shopman was even too busy to rub his hands with joy at his good business.

Now, that toy shop was quite a big one and held lots of toys of every kind. The walls were lined with shelves, and very shelf was full of toys, whilst one wall was almost covered by a huge book-case of children's books. The bigger toys stood on the floor. Doll's prams looked proudly at the rocking horses against the walls, whilst the big wooden baby toys were almost too crushed to move. Bicycles leaned together, and shone brightly as the sun caught their shining handlebars. They all looked fine, but, before the shop closed that night, nearly all the toys in that shop were feeling a little bit afraid,—afraid of the dark.

All day long, the shopman had walked around those toys, but not one had been sold. People only wanted the sunny time small toys from the window. Buckets and spades had been sold by the dozen, and now most of the bats and balls had gone too. He looked around the shop, and said, quite loud enough for the toys to hear, "I'll put all of these big things back into the storeroom. Nobody wants them now. I'll do it at closing time to-night." The toys looked at each other in dismay! "Back into that awful storeroom," murmured a baby chair. "Nothing to do, and nothing to see!" muttered a rocking-horse. "Yes," agreed a play-pen, "and it is so dark in the store-room." The toys groaned so loudly that if the shop door bell hadn't clanged, the man must have heard them. Another customer had come in, and the toys stopped grumbling to stare, and listen—for there would be no customers in the dark storeroom.

The new customer was an old-fashioned lady, with a sweet, shrill voice. She didn't want a sand-time toy. Instead she said "Please may I see some weather-houses?" The shopman looking very surprised, was almost going to say "Sorry, madam!" when he remembered that there might be a weather-house up in the storeroom, for it was so long since one had been sold. Asking the lady to wait, he hurried to the darkest corner of the storeroom, and found a box of the quaint weather-houses. He took one into the shop to his customer, and laughed, as she said, "Aha, so the old lady is out to-day. That means sunshine. I have one of these at home and I always look at it to see what the weather will be. I feel quite lost without it on my holidays, but I do hope the old man stays inside the house and keeps the rain away."

She paid for the weather-house and left the shop. The man stroked his chin for a moment and then said aloud, "I know! I'll bring a weather-house in the shop, and it will tell me how to dress my window. I'll put in sunny-day toys when the old lady comes out, and indoor toys when the old man shows himself." Then he looked at the toys on the floor. "I'd better not put them in the store-room after all. I'll need them on the old man's days." The toys listened, and smiled. This was much better. There would be no dark store-room for them. They began to feel fond of the little man in the weather-house and anxious to see him.

True to his word, the shopman hung up the weather-house, and, oh dear, what a time it gave him. He'd never changed his window so much before in his life. One day the old woman would come out, and promise sunshine, whilst the very next day, he would need indoor toys in the window because the old man was out. People began to watch the shop window to find out the weather for the day. Something else queer happened too. Children, seeing indoor toys would suddenly remember their own toys hidden away until Winter and would say, "Oh, I've got a game like that. I'll play with it when I go home." Old favourites amongst books were brought out again. The toys were very happy. It was such fun not to be forgotten for months at a time. Sometimes they wondered why children thought more of them than in other years. Only the toys in that one shop really knew that it was because one, little, old fashioned lady had wanted a little, old-fashioned weather-house.

Love from

MEG.

LYCEUM DEMONSTRATIONS

LEEDS DISTRICT.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND DEMONSTRATION.

The Leeds L.D.C. Field Day and Demonstration was held on Saturday, July 13th, at Royston. The procession was marshalled in order by Mrs. Fowler (Royston), Field Marshal, assisted by Assistant Marshals, Mr. Bradburn (Kippax), Mr. Whitelock (Batley Carr), Mr. Daisley (Psycho), Mr. Whitwam (York).

The Royston Silver and the Wakefield Old Band headed the procession. Twelve Lyceums attached to the Leeds L.D.C. formed the procession and four visiting Lyceums brought a good contingent, which helped to swell the ranks of the procession. About 950 Lyceumists and Spiritualists walked in the procession.

Four District Committees and one Lyceum District Council were represented. Mr. Cook, the Area Representative, was also present. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes (Bradford), were present as our invited guests.

The principal streets of Royston were paraded on the way to the field, where Mr. Cooper (Castleford) very ably conducted the singing of "Welcome to All" and "Hold Fast." Hazenbachs (Wakefield) catered for tea and all were well satisfied.

Marching and callisthenics in four sections were demonstrated. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all the strangers who witnessed it, and an encore was called for callisthenics.

Nothing has ever been seen like this in Royston before, and the large number of people who had gathered in the field were delighted.

About 500 travelled by special train to Royston.

The Police did all they could to help the Marshals. Mrs. Fowler did her work well, and we all felt very proud of her. The Demonstration was very well organized by our Field Day Secretary, Mr. Silcock. Our President, Mr. Wainwright, was also very busy, and was constantly in demand.

The whole demonstration and the organisation of it was a credit to the Royston (Carlton Road) Lyceumists.

A. W. HARDING, Council Sec.

N.E. CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

DEMONSTRATION AT HYDE.

On Saturday, July 13th, the N.E. Cheshire L.D.C. of the B.S.L.U. held a Demonstration at Hyde, when some 350 took part in a procession and a Lyceum Session with Mrs. E. Edwards, Council President, as Conductor, was held on the Nelson Street Recreation Ground. Mrs. Springate gave the invocation.

Mr. J. Slimin, President of the B.S.L.U., welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress. He said he was honoured in having such a pleasant duty to perform. He realised that we had something in common with the leading Citizen of Hyde. "Admirals may lead their Navies, Generals may lead their Armies, but the Mayor, as Principal Citizen and leader of the Borough of Hyde, had to make good, great and honourable citizens." This was a noble work, and we, as Lyceumists, were

helping in that good work through our education of the children. To the Mayor, Mr. Slimin presented an Officers Edition of the "Lyceum Manual," and to the Mayoress he presented an "Outlines of Spiritualism," remarking that he believed she already had a "Manual" and our teachings were not unknown to her. The Mayor and Mayoress responded.

Mr. Charnley, Bolton L.D.C., conducted the Silver Chain recitation, "There must be something Wrong." Musical Reading "Steps of Progress" was conducted by three young Lyceumists from Ashton, Heaton Norris and Macclesfield. Golden Chain Recitation was conducted by Mr. J. Taylor, Manchester and Salford L.D.C., and a B.S.L.U. Area Representative.

Marching and callisthenics were well done. There were five over 80 years of age marching, and about 10 others over 70 years of age took part. The marches formed the letters "A" "K," and Mrs. Moulton recited verses she had composed in memory of ALFRED KITSON.

Mr. E. W. Oaten, Editor of *Two Worlds*, gave a short address. He outlined the work of the Lyceums and the need for Lyceumists to be known in their everyday life and to be true to their principle. He went on to outline that the keynote of the Session had been that "Wrongs by Progress shall be Righted," and showed how our Movement was helping forward progress. "The Lyceum Band" closed the Session, and Mr. Lee, of Hyde, pronounced the benediction.

In the evening a Propaganda Meeting was held in the Hyde National Spiritualist Church, Mrs. Edwards presiding.

Mr. Slimin, Mr. Oaten and Mr. Taylor all delivered inspiring addresses following up the good work of the afternoon, with an appeal running through all the speeches that we, as Spiritualists, shall live up to our principles, being tolerant at all times with those whose opinions did not conform with our own. We were left with many problems to solve during our everyday life. The words of encouragement and guidance from such able speakers will help us to solve our problems.

Invocation and benediction were given by Mrs. L. George, Vice-President of the B.S.L.U. Vocal items were well rendered by Messrs. Dilkes and May, and they were appreciated. The organist was Mr. J. R. Harper.

Ideal weather helped us to spend a good day in the propagating of the Lyceum Movement and its teachings.

R. A. L. MARKHAM.

MR. E. W. OATEN AT HYDE:

I owe my training in mediumship to the Lyceum Circle.

We have always been respectable, but now we are becoming respected.



My dear Boys and Girls,

August, the month so full of adventures for you has arrived again, and by the time you read this letter, you will have started your holidays, therefore Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I wish you a very happy time.

I cannot tell you to look out for me this year, so that we can have an Ice Cream together as some have done in previous years, for this year I shall have had my holidays, but then of course there is a chance of some of you visiting London where I might see you.

The holiday spirit creates a delightful feeling to old and young alike. There is a freedom about which we all enjoy. We are all more or less slaves in a simpler form than those poor people we read of in history. You kiddies have to mind your P's and Q's at school. You cannot say "cheerio" to your chums just when you would like to; you cannot even ask them to do your lessons for you, while you have a rest. You cannot ask them to go and have the cane for you, nor can you ask your teacher to go for a little walk while you have high jinks in the class room. These things are not done, even in the best of regulated schools, are they? But there, we must be content to know that all school discipline is good for our future welfare.

It is because of this that you appreciate the freedom of holidays so much, but even then, much as I do not like suggesting the word "Don't" to you, I think it is wise to remember that if we want a happy holiday, and we want others to do likewise too, there are a few hints we should all be well advised to think about.

Whether you go to the country, to camps, or to the seaside, one of the great pleasures is a nice swim; here it is that I want you all to be careful, not to forget to find out how deep the water is before you plunge in. If it is in the country, in a river, or lake, it is wise to know what the bottom is like and if there are nasty weeds. If it is at the seaside, keep an eye on the shore and remember that incoming tides play all sorts of unexpected tricks upon us.

To those who cycle can I again remind you that it is not clever to ride without holding your handle bars; it is only a danger to yourself and others. In these days with so much traffic on the roads it is wise to remember those well known safety first rules.: "Better to be safe than sorry."

The reason I have just mentioned these things is not to frighten you, but because I read in my paper almost daily of boys and girls who have been too venturesome, coming to grief

Shall we now think about some of the things we anticipate doing? Those of you who are going to the seaside, will be able to build boats, houses, and castles on the sands, you will have your donkey rides and enjoy the old time favourite Punch and Judy show. You will go away as a white race and return like negroes.

Then I cannot help thinking of the great time those of you who are going to camp will have. Especially Lyceumists. The fun of sleeping under canvas, washing in pails, having sing-songs round a camp fire and many other attractions. Then I think of those who will have to be content to spend their holidays playing in the local park or recreation ground. I can imagine them going off with their water-bottles and food supplies. It is with these that I often find the real true spirit of Lyceumists, for I see them taking baby or their younger brothers and sisters out for the day. They give up quite a lot of their own pleasure in looking after them. To all who do this I want to say how proud I am of you, you are real fine kiddies.

To all of you, remember one of our Lyceum teachings, always try to make others happy. While you are on holidays you are sure to come across some lonely little boy or girl who wants a playmate. Chum up with them and so make them happy too. Again, this is but one of those little chances we find along the way. It does not cost very much, but it means so much to them. It is said that a trouble shared is a trouble halved, while a joy shared is a joy doubled. There is a lot of truth in this, and it beholds us to do our best to see to it that we are not selfish with our pleasures. Holiday time is full of opportunity to turn words into action.

Since I last wrote to you I have visited Newcastle, Wallsend and Whitley Bay. In each case I had the pleasure of meeting Lyceumists, but I want to say a special word about the Wallsend Lyceumists. Some of our London Lyceumists joined me in attending their Session; they gave us a great welcome, and did all in their power to make us feel at home. We were real proud of the children's efforts, especially their singing. "Well done, Wallsend," and appreciations to Newcastle and Whitley Bay workers, whom we met along the way and with whom we exchanged greetings.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE 220:

Silver Chain Recitation, No. 44, verse 5.

PUZZLE No. 221.

Where do we read in the Manual

"May we each become less selfish."

THE HAPPY BAND.

Mrs. Coe, 31, Browning Road, Coventry, is down-hearted because you have not sent her your birthday date for cards. Please put our motto into action and make her "Merry and bright."

I shall appreciate holiday snaps for my collection of Lyceumists' photographs.

With love,

UNCLE BERT.

Ruberrondo,

126, Woodlands Road,
Isleworth, Middlesex.

PEARLS.

No man's spirits were ever hurt by doing his duty.

* * *

Put on the dauntless spirit of resolution.

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Man's life is a progress, not a station.

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Manners are of more importance than laws.

KNIGHT CRUSADERS ON PARADE.

By ALBERT E. FRUIN.

In several of my previous articles I have urged the need of our organisation becoming up to date with other Youth Movements by associating ourselves with the Scouts and Guides Associations or forming one of our own.

I am more than pleased to be in a position to tell you the latter is now an accomplished fact and to introduce you to its founder, Knight Commander Frank C. Petz, of the First Squadron of Knight Crusaders.

Here we have an energetic young man who certainly believes that actions are better than words, thus he not only conceived the idea of the formation of such an organisation, but started it with the support of a few interested friends.

Although space will not permit full details, I trust I shall be able to place before you enough information to create the spreading of what I personally think is a present-day need.

A Squadron shall consist of a maximum of 40 members when in full strength, and must be attached to a Lyceum.

Officers in charge of squadrons are Knight Commander, Knight Lt. Commander, Squadron Leader, and Knight Ensign.

The Uniform, which looks very smart, is Dark Green Twill Blouse, Dark Green Flannel Shorts or Skirt, threequarter Hose with Double Green Stripe Turnover Top, Dark Green Beret and Badge, Black Shoes.

Senior Badges for:—Paladin, Hospitaller, Quartermaster, Backwoodsman, Interpreter, Lifeguard, Signaller, Transport.

Junior Badges:—Carpenter, Radio, Electrician, Aircraftsman, Photographer, Naturalist, Athlete, Accountant, Cook, Sick Nurse, Housekeeper, Plumber, Draughtsman, Guide, Boatswain, Entertainer, Leather worker, Cobbler, Seamster, Embroiderer, Metalworker, Printer, Secretary.

Aims:—To instil in the minds of youth the Ideals of the real chivalry of knighthood, and engender Peace and Love towards all humanity in the heart, so that each one is a true crusader of Spiritualism.

To show youth how to live aright in an age that has forgotten the true meaning of life and to build up fine manly characters drawing out psychologically the very best in their being by giving them ideals to strive to attain. To prepare them for future careers, etc.

Knightly Vow:—I promise to be a True Knight and chivalrous. I will always be ready to render aid to those in difficulties and to live a life of service, ever trying to attain the highest ideals of True Lyceumists before God and the Angel World.

I will be gentle to all women and those weaker than myself, and always respect the rights of my fellows. I will strive to uphold that which is right and oppose War, Intolerance, Agression, Bloodshed and Cruelty with all the strength of mind and purpose in my being, and try to raise the Social and Economic Status of my Brethren by every means in my power.

I promise to obey my Knight Commander in all things appertaining to Crusader Discipline and welfare.

All children under sixteen must obtain their parents' consent before enrolling and making this promise.

B.S.L.U. RESTORATION FUND.

TO ALL LYCEUMISTS,

At this time of the year there is a general slackening of effort all round, and consequently donations to our fund are almost nil. But, after this month, I hope that when Lyceums are resuming their general activities, they will consider making at least one effort on behalf of the Restoration Fund. It only needs the "will" to do it. I am going to repeat the old quotation, that "Where there's a will there's a way," because I firmly believe it is true.

Our Union is not yet restored. Truly we have accomplished much towards this end, but the financial support of "all" Lyceumists is still needed.

It is quite possible, nay, quite probable, that you are getting tired of this constant appeal, and perhaps many of you do not even trouble to read this monthly column, the heading may be quite sufficient for you to turn to the next page, but there is something that we must all remember and that is, "*there can be no Union if there is no money to support it.*"

Whether we are tired or not, this appeal for donations, at least at the moment, is a very necessary one. I am sure you will all agree with me when I say that we do not want our outstanding debts to accumulate. The M.C. are endeavouring to minimise expenditure, and if Lyceumists will continue to do their bit by donating as much as possible to our Restoration Fund, the end of our next financial year will hold out even brighter prospects for the future.

There are still a number of Lyceums that have not yet responded to "Flower Day." It is now six months since that event. If there is any money waiting to be forwarded, please do not delay. All donations by Cheque or Postal Order should be made payable to the B.S.L.U. Restoration Fund.

Donations. I have to thank the following Lyceums for their donations *re* Flower Day:

Manchester, Maskell Street, Miss J. E. Carson, 8s. 4d.; London Lyceum, Miss M. A. Williams, 2s. 2d.; Fulham Lyceum (ordinary donation), Mr. J. E. Pearson, 10s. Total £1 0s. 6d.

LILLIE GEORGE,

Hon. Secretary.

85, Queen's Road,
Everton,
Liverpool 6.

Continued from previous column.

Motto:—"I saye and I doe."

Arrangement for Camping has been arranged amongst many other details of interest with which I have not been able to deal.

The first Squadron has been formed by the Fulham Lyceum, London. The question of the London Lyceum District Council and approach to the B.S.L.U. for affiliation is under consideration.

Seeing my time is taken up with other duties in the Movement, I would ask all interested to write for further details to Knight Commander Frank C. Petz, 340, South Lambeth Road, London, S.W., who will be only too willing to give all Lyceums all the assistance they require in the formation of Squadrons.

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SERVICE.

As we sit and think about our own Lyceum Movement, the Cause which has been built up by the life-long efforts of our old stalwarts, we wonder whether our Lyceumists of to-day appreciate all that is meant by the word 'service.'

And not only do they appreciate the meaning of the word, but do they put that meaning into practice?

We are all units in a Movement which has been in existence since 1866. We are, broadly speaking, a modern Movement, and still young enough to be in close contact with our pioneers.

Can we say that we are giving as much service to our Cause as did our pioneers?

Can we say that we appreciate the truth, the beauty, that is ours as did our pioneers?

And can we say that we are worthy followers of those who have laid our foundation stones?

Are we building as strongly and as well as did those who have now gone forward?

How can we give service to our Cause? How can we build forward as strongly and as well as did our forebears?

Why, by being willing to do whatever we can, however small, to help to add to the interest in our own Lyceum Sessions. The tiny girl who willingly comes forward with a song is giving just as much service as is the Conductor who is in charge of the Session. She is helping to create harmony; she is contributing her small part to make the whole, which, without her effort, would be incomplete.

Willingness to do whatever we can, whenever we can, will help our Union to grow stronger. We shall be laying down good foundations and we shall be building a structure that will stand whatever storms of circumstance that assail us.

Every Lyceumist is an essential part of our Union. And the sooner every Lyceumist realises that fact, the sooner will they grasp the fact that self-esteem is going to help us to build forward.

If we did not have Lyceumists in the villages, in the towns, and in the cities, we should have no Movement. We should have no need to have District Councils to consider district policy.

And we should have no need to have a Management Committee and Officers, because there would be no Lyceums for whom they could legislate.

Lyceumists; can we ask you then to realise that our need of you, that our need of your willing service, is great. We need all the service you can give. We need all the effort you can expend in building forward our Lyceum Movement.

And above and beyond all, Lyceumists, we ask you to realise that you are all units in a great plan, and unless every unit is building strongly and well

From foundation stone to rafter,

Building for the vast hereafter

our Union will suffer and we shall find that bricks are tumbling from what otherwise might have been a very fine edifice.

SERVICE, then. And service that is sincere. Don't begrudge the time spent in building up your own small Lyceum, because by doing so you are giving inspiration to those who are working in the District Councils and the Management Committee, and if every Lyceumist, every unit, every section of our Union, can be inspired with the need for service, and then give their service wholeheartedly, we shall be building forward where the great and wise and good have been forced to leave off, and we shall be bringing nearer to perfection the great edifice which they left incomplete.

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The New Style of Lyceum Badge will be in stock before the end of August.

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Were I so tall to reach the pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
The minds the standard of the man.

—Watts.

The quickest way to get rid of fear and worry is to do some unaccustomed physical action. Do, and leave thinking alone for awhile, until the nervous tension is relaxed.

—Anon.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.
46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 HELD IN THE
 Connaught Hall, St. Mary's Road, Southampton,
 ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 8th and 9th, 1935.

The President welcomed the Fraternal Delegates of the S.N.U., Mr. Stewart and Mr. Darby, and invited them to take their place on the platform.

Conference opened with the singing of "Hall of Progress." Mr. J. Taylor (M.C.) gave the invocation.

APPOINTMENTS.

Messenger:

Mr. Long, Southampton.

Tellers:

Mr. O. Jones, Warrington.

Mr. J. T. Ashworth, Manchester Progressive.

Scrutineers:

Mrs. S. J. Robson, Tyneside L.D.C.

Mrs. E. Paling, Nottingham L.D.C.

Mr. A. W. Harding, Leeds L.D.C.

Mr. R. Robb, Birkenhead.

MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Jones moved, Mr. Coe seconded:

That Mr. Keeling be the member of the Standing Orders Committee from the floor of Conference.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Johnson seconded:

That Nominations close. *Carried.*

MINUTES.

Mr. Barnett moved, Mr. Harding seconded:

That the Minutes and Printed Reports be accepted as printed. *Agreed.*

Mr. Keeling: May I ask whether anything has been arranged with the Minute which appears on page 7, where it says Amendments shall be regarded as unfinished business? Can the M.C. offer any suggestion to avoid discussion, etc?

President: There is another matter that might involve further changes to our Constitution, and that is the question of our relationship with other bodies. There will be read to you, in correspondence, a letter from the S.N.U., and our suggestion, the suggestion of the Management Committee, is that that letter shall be dealt with there, which means that it will be dealt with before the Amendments to Constitution.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Ashworth seconded:

That the Minutes be confirmed. *Carried.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Winnipeg, Polson Avenue—Greetings to Conference.

Mr. W. Mason—Greetings.

Mrs. Greenwood, Chairman of Trustees—who is performing the interment ceremony and Memorial Service for Mrs. L. Nurse, a Past President.

Mr. Keeling moved, Mrs. Calway seconded:

That we offer our congratulations to Mrs. L. Nurse on her release, and express our condolence to her husband, her son, and the surviving members of the family.

Conference passed a standing vote of sympathy.

S.N.U. Ltd.—letter embodying suggested resolution for S.N.U. A.G.M., viz.:—"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."

Mr. Railton moved, Mr. Fruin seconded:

That Correspondence be accepted as read. *Agreed.*

Mr. Burrows moved, Mr. Dickinson seconded:

That the consideration of the S.N.U. letter be deferred until after the President's Address. *Carried.*

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. L. George, Vice-President, occupied the Chair during the reading of the President's Address.

Mr. Morgan moved, Mr. Harding seconded:

That the President's Address be accepted with thanks. *Agreed.*

Vice-President: I am quite sure that a number of delegates will wish to express their opinions and I want as many as possible to have the opportunity. Please make your remarks as brief as you can.

Mr. Stewart: I want to offer congratulations and thanks to the President for what I consider to be a very fine address.

I felt I wanted to go on immediately to deal with the suggested crisis that the President spoke about, because it seems that the National Union is responsible for it. We don't want to in any way approach the subject in the spirit of bitterness; we want, as the President said, to discuss it, and to give each other the credit for being out for the welfare of the Movement.

What we have to do is to consider the question of principle. I think this matter should be a welcome subject for your discussion.

Mr. Calway: Can I have your permission to move forward the resolution that appears on the agenda in the name of Eltham Lyceum?

Vice-President: I am afraid not. It is very difficult for the two things not to overlap. No resolution concerning the S.N.U. letter must be inserted until the letter comes up for consideration. It will come immediately after the President's Address.

Mrs. Pickles: If the method can be shown to me whereby fusion is the one thing that will make our Movement more progressive and more prosperous, I am prepared to give my vote towards that fusion, but not until then.

Mr. Fruin: The point in the present address is that fact that out of our Lyceums, cities like Sheffield, Manchester and London, have not more members. I think we have the most progressive section just now. What is the reason? It seems to me that we have to get right down to this fact more than anything else. There appears to be no attempt to improve the standard of the Lyceum by making it progressive. Unless we are going to create social activities for the younger generation with our Session we are going to fail.

Mr. Keeling: I want to pay my tribute to the President for what I think is one of the most thoughtful Addresses we have had for a long time. He has left aside the usual routine of President's Addresses and struck at the two vital points. What pleases me was that he was able to come away from his Management Committee and divide fusion into three points, and say that he was prepared to support two; to the third giving a

definite negative. That seems to me a very progressive and splendid lead.

I would like to offer my support and also move a resolution arising out of what he said about a second Education Committee. A second Committee on the lines Mr. Slimin has suggested. It does seem to me that this Movement has lost its touch with modern education. I do feel we have lost that essential part of our work. I would like to see something done on the lines the President has suggested. If it is the wish of the meeting out of the Address I would be very pleased to move a resolution on these lines.

Miss Halliday: I would like to compliment the President. Ever since I have been a Lyceumist and come to Conference I have felt something was needed. If you go to any modern Sunday School you will find that they have schemes of work for their leaders and teachers, and teachers must prepare work before they come to school on the Sunday. In some Lyceums five minutes before the time of the Session the Conductor does not know what the Session is going to be.

I think many of you will be conversant with the Handbook issued by the Adult School. It would be a splendid idea if we could give our Lyceumists some knowledge of the method in modern Sunday Schools. Instead of worrying about written examinations, it would be much better to combine our thoughts for a new scheme. Written examinations are not modern.

Mrs. Petz: I think one of the finest things our President said was that we should be very careful in approaching any suggestion of fusion in a spirit of antagonism. I am afraid we have got that antagonistic spirit quite a lot. I hear people speak of Lyceumism and Spiritualism as if they were things apart. If these two words are not synonymous then I have no use for either of them.

Mrs. Clitheroe: I am wondering whether the members of the Management Committee give the same interpretation to fusion that the members of the S.N.U. E.C. do?

I can see quite a lot of difficulties arising if we accept fusion. The President has stated in his Address that our Lyceum Sessions need to be brighter. Brighten up our Lyceum Sessions, teach them the philosophy of Spiritualism, but think twice before you accept fusion.

Mr. Dickinson: Our President said we were a Youth Movement. One naturally begins to wonder where our Youth Movement is going to end and where Spiritualism is going to begin. I have a different view of the situation. The Youth Movement are not conscious of their Spiritualism nor are they conscious of their responsibilities as Lyceumists.

We have been hearing we ought to have variety. I am wondering to what extent are we going to ask for this variety to be brought into our Lyceums?

Mr. Keeling moved, Miss Halliday seconded:

That this Conference approves the suggestion in the President's Address for the appointment of a Committee to investigate modern educational methods. The M.C. to consider the persons most suitable for this special work and appoint three to collate information and publish it for the benefit of Lyceums.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Burrows seconded:

That the Motion be now put. *Agreed.*

The motion was carried.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

Officers 4; Area Representatives 6; Trustees 2; Auditors 2; Guild 1; Manual Revision 1; U.D.C. 1; District Councils 16 (representing 14 D.Cs.); Lyceum Delegates 55; (representing 45 Lyceums); Total eligible to vote, 88. There were also present S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2; Accepted Visitor 1; Messenger 1. Total 92.

Mr. Railton moved, Mr. Barnett seconded:

That the Credential Report be accepted. *Agreed.*

President: I'm going to spend a minute or two in replying to your discussion on the President's Address. I said in my Address that I approached both topics with great diffidence.

I am delighted with the way you have received them. The fact that what to me was the more important of the two has been taken up and well received and thoroughly entered into gives me great hope.

Not so very long ago I attended a mass demonstration which had been organised by the organiser of physical culture in the district in which I reside. There were over 4,000 school-children and about 600 to 700 female members of a 'Keep Fit' class. They gave a demonstration and I was delighted with it. I said to some of the educationists with me, "You know, this must have taken a tremendous amount of time and practice," and I was told it had taken no practice at all. It is just a demonstration of what these children are doing every day in their schools. I thought, then the sooner we push our callisthenics out, the better. We seem to have the idea that the spirit people led our pioneers and forgot all the rest of the world. I think that Pestalozzi to whom I referred in my Address, must have had inspiration for the help of our young people. I still use the word 'education' in its best sense. Inspiration must have come to others as well as ourselves.

Mr. Morgan moved, Miss Entwistle seconded:

That the President's Address be printed in the 'Lyceum Banner' and offered to the Spiritualist Press for publication. *Agreed.*

The President resumed his position as Chairman.

President: The Minutes of the previous meeting have been confirmed, therefore you have confirmed the appointment which gives Mr. Mack his place in this Conference as one of your Trustees. It was necessary that the confirmation of the Minutes should come before Mr. Mack could take his place among the Trustees.

The President read the letter from the S.N.U. Ltd. re one organisation.

Conference stood adjourned until 6-0 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

President: The S.N.U. letter is now being offered to you for your consideration and your discussion, and, if necessary, for the question to be placed before the meeting.

Mr. Calway: Can I have permission arising from that letter to move the motion that stands in the name of my Lyceum on the Agenda?

President: I do not think it would be wise to bring forward any portion of the Agenda. The question is expressions on this letter, and I think we should deal with this letter and not bring in anything else.

Mrs. Paling: After consideration of this letter any vote which shall be taken will be on this matter?

President: I cannot say until I know what motion arises. Will you please understand that what we are dealing with in the Eltham motion is a proposal for the formation of a Committee. What we are dealing with now is the S.N.U. letter to us. They are two distinct and separate things. We have to consider our relationship in the light of this letter which has arisen from our discussion on fusion. I cannot say until I know what is your desire.

Mrs. Paling: Will we be allowed time for consideration before any vote is taken, lest we permit ourselves, by the recording of a vote, to retard the question in any way whatever?

President: There will have to be some resolution put to this meeting. I do not know yet what it will be, and naturally you will have time for consideration of that resolution before you record your vote.

I can quite see the possibility of a resolution being put in exactly the words of the Eltham motion, but we cannot take the Eltham resolution now.

Miss Owen: Might I be permitted to move

That this Conference is of the opinion that the time is opportune for discussion to be opened between the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U. to explore the terms and conditions upon which fusion could be effectively brought into operation, and resolves that a Committee of three be elected by and from this Conference to confer with the S.N.U. and present a Report to the 1936 B.S.L.U. Conference.

President: That resolution is out of place. We have not decided what you are going to do about this letter, and you consider nothing until you make your decision upon this matter.

Mr. Ray: May I ask why the time is not opportune for fusion in the opinion of the B.S.L.U. Management Committee?

President: I thought I had made that fairly clear in my Address. You have a Management Committee which begins its year's work. It begins that year's work under difficulties. It begins to see these difficulties being surmounted. We had hopes of improving in other ways. Then, just as that is occurring, there arises the question as to whether we should consider fusion. It would, we considered, have been unwise to think of going to another Union and asking them to amalgamate with us while we were considered to be in an unhealthy state. If we cannot take a good, healthy Union into amalgamation it is not wise to offer one that was not in any way stable. The time was still inopportune in that the affairs of our Union were in an unstable state. We reiterated that when it was pressed home that the affairs were not in a healthy state and as the letter went on to show, if we did not consider fusion without further waste of time, we would have to consider the possibility of the S.N.U. taking it into their own hands to safeguard the youth of our movement. If it was not opportune in October I do not see how it could be opportune in January. Therefore your M.C. reiterated the statement.

Mr. Ellis: In the letter the statement is made that "no longer could we tolerate the position and drastic steps must be taken and shall be". I am going to call it a two-edged sword and in the wielding of it they will find the S.N.U. will decapitate themselves and cease to be. I do want the representatives here present to seriously consider the weapon they are using. I move That the letter lie on the table.

The Motion was not seconded.

Mr. Jones: As a leader in the child Movement I realise that tact and diplomacy are two wonderful assets and on hearing the latter portion of that letter I came to the conclusion that the persons who were responsible for that letter are void of all tact and diplomacy and are not fit to regulate the child mind. I move that we refer the letter back to the S.N.U. Council with the request that it be forwarded to us in a more reasonable tone.

Mr. Jones moved, Mrs. Johnson seconded:

That we refer letter back to source from which it came with the request that it may be written in a way which is in keeping with the teachings of the Movement to which it refers.

Mrs. Pickles: Have the S.N.U. power to do this which they suggest?

President: The S.N.U. have power to do all that they suggest in this letter. That is, ask their Conference for permission to do certain things.

Mr. Robson: Speaking on the motion; whatever we do with this letter it is distinctly a fact that it is on the S.N.U. Agenda and it will be voted upon at the Newcastle Conference.

The B.S.L.U. is not a legal body and we have very little legal standing. We are in a very funny position and I for one, am taking a quite determined stand against any threat of fusion in such a way as that, and we will have to make up our minds distinctly to protect ourselves legally. And I, for one, think we can send this letter back, only I would have made it about ten times as strong as this.

Mr. Bruce: I move an amendment, directly in conformity with the fact of the influence that this motion had upon myself as an old Lyceumist. It came as a shock and I realise that it is an open threat, and one which, if carried out, means war, and to reply to it in the terms of this motion is as a drop of water. My amendment is

That we deplore the spirit and threat contained in the letter *re* fusion from the S.N.U. and request the withdrawal of the S.N.U. motion before the A.G.M. in its present form in the interest of harmony between the two bodies.

Mr. Johnson seconded the amendment.

Miss Entwistle gave notice of further amendment.

Mr. Johnson: I am seconding that amendment on the grounds that we cannot discover what is at the back of the minds of the people who are attempting to force this question upon us.

Mr. Stewart: We have got to visualise this problem as a problem that really is one for both Unions. The Church is really the head. The Lyceums must realise their dependency upon the Church, and the Union is simply the Churches in aggregate, and the Officers and E.C. are working for that aggregate. Don't blame the Union as a whole. This is the determined attitude of the present E.C. of the National Union. This letter was sent as a reply to the statement that the time was not opportune for amalgamation. We felt that it was opportune and all that we want is some response that you are prepared to discuss the question. I rather gather to-day from the President's address, that fusion was rather out of the question. He is prepared to co-ordinate. What I have in mind is one governing body, one office, the necessary assistants; that is necessary, but let us work from one Headquarters. Reply something in the terms of the President's Address, that you are anxious to meet the National Union in a full, and free, and frank discussion of the whole problem. It is a question of closing the ranks. This threat is only put in in order to bring you to realise the seriousness of the position. When will it ever be put right unless you get down to examination at close quarters? We can get some sort of common meeting ground and find out what is the exact position.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Our President accepts fusion upon two well defined lines. Upon the third line he would not. Have the S.N.U. anything to offer upon these two lines. I believe everyone here to-day is a fusionist in the wider sense of the term. We all want to see it in being, but there is to be no curtailment of our activities if we accept a teaching in our Lyceums which is going to be promulgated by individuals who have not the real interest of the Lyceum Movement at heart. Can anyone tell me what are the S.N.U. lines upon which this fusion is to be granted?

President: We were discussing the letter from the S.N.U. The motion is "that we refer letter back to source from which it came with the request that it may be written in a way which is in keeping with the teachings of the Movement to which it refers?" The amendment is "That we deplore the spirit and threat contained in the letter *re* fusion from the S.N.U. and request the withdrawal of the S.N.U. motion before the A.G.M. in its present form in the interests of harmony between the two bodies.

Mrs. Sutton: It is very difficult for people who are trying to be loyal to the B.S.L.U. and trying to be loyal to the S.N.U. and not twist. We are discussing a letter from the S.N.U. There is a certain sentence that I wish some of us would look at more closely. That referring to taking the necessary steps, etc. It is absolutely hopeless for 88 individuals to work out a scheme for fusion, and most of the speakers who have spoken have said they are either fusionists or favour the ideal.

It was moved:

That the question be now put.

Mr. Keeling: I want to be quite clear as to the procedure you propose to adopt. Do you propose to put the amendment for and against? If carried to put it as the proposition? If it is lost then take further amendments to the motion?

President: That will be the procedure.

Mr. Guy acted as Teller in place of Mr. Jones.
Vote on amendment. For 40.

Against 36.

The amendment became substantive motion.

Miss Entwistle handed up the following resolution.

That in the event of compulsory fusion with the S.N.U. the B.S.L.U. as a whole secede from the S.N.U. and carry on with Lyceum Churches.

President: The only notice I have of further amendment is from Mr. Ray. I have the amendment. You don't know whether you are going to have a further amendment until you have that one.

Mr. Ray moved:

That the B.S.L.U. are prepared to discuss with the S.N.U. fusion on the grounds that it is essential for the progress of the Spiritualist Movement in this country to have fusion as soon as possible.

President: I have already refused Miss Owen a resolution on a similar matter. It is entirely out of order.

Miss Entwistle: When you asked the Moston delegate if he had got his resolution ready he had not and then I have notice of further amendment.

President: The wording won't do but the amendment can be worded in the spirit in which it is meant.

"In the event of continued attempts at fusion we would secede from the S.N.U."

Mr. Keeling: I am now getting a little befogged. The letter asks this Union to co-operate with them for the purpose of considering fusion, and failing co-operation they are going to ask for certain powers. Under what rule of procedure you have refused to accept a resolution which accedes to the request of the letter that we meet them and discuss it, I cannot see.

President: We are discussing a reply to this letter. We are not discussing a motion which purely concerns the advisability of fusion.

Mrs. Paling: Then the terms of the reply to this letter must be given from the floor of this house to-day?

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mrs. Pickles seconded:

That we delete from "Request withdrawal" to the end, and substitute "We ask the S.N.U. E.C to submit their scheme for amalgamation to the B.S.L.U. M.C., who shall discuss the same, make recommendations to the B.S.L.U. section of the Joint S.N.U./B.S.L.U. Committee to discuss and report to the 1936 Conference.

Mr. Shuttleworth: We can still deplore the tone of the letter, but if there is some scheme why not let our B.S.L.U. M.C. discuss it and refer it to the Joint Committee?

Mrs. George: Is it not possible that whatever we may decide at this meeting, if it is negative to the S.N.U. suggestion, in that resolution, they can still start another Union in 1936?

President: I quite agree. There is nothing to prevent the matter going before the S.N.U. A.G.M. if we decide either in the negative or positive. It is already printed and published for their consideration. Although you may pass this resolution, that does not necessarily mean that the S.N.U. would have the time, opportunity, or inclination to take it off their 1935 Agenda.

Mr. Edwards: Is it not possible that in the event of the S.N.U. carrying the resolution the B.S.L.U. shall obtain legal status and take in Churches that would leave the S.N.U.?

President: We are considering in that an eventuality which may not arise before there is need for it.

Mr. Keeling: I am one of the autocrats of the S.N.U. Council. I am in this difficult position. I was a

Lyceumist and Lyceum worker long before I was a Church worker, and the major part of my work has been done on the Lyceum side. I have seemed to be involved in this particular question ever since it arose, and perhaps to some extent I am responsible for the fact that we have not been in this crisis before. I managed to change Mr. McIndoe at Bristol. I think it would be found that I was a little bit helpful at Cambridge in preventing things taking a final turn. I am deeply interested in the problem and with you I would say it is an ideal at which we should aim.

President: I have had handed to me the amendment by Mr. Shuttleworth.

Miss Owen: Will you accept my motion as an amendment to Mr. Shuttleworth's motion?

That this Conference is of the opinion that the time is opportune for discussions to be opened between the B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. to explore the terms and conditions upon which fusion could be effectively brought into operation and resolve that a Committee of three be elected by and from this Conference to confer with the S.N.U. and present a report to the 1936 B.S.L.U. Conference. Mr. Morgan seconded.

President: Your resolution does not refer to the letter in any way.

President: If Mr. Shuttleworth's amendment is carried our reply to the S.N.U. will be such that to pass the Eltham motion or the London motion would be sheer redundancy. You have got the amendment for your consideration.

Mrs. Sutton: I am totally against the amendment. You are objecting to the letter, but asking them to submit a scheme for the M.C. to consider and then pass on to the Joint Committee. It seems to me a sheer waste of time. Writing to the S.N.U., going to the B.S.L.U. M.C., and then going to the Joint Committee. The S.N.U. are asking for willing co-operation. Let us put the matter before this Joint Committee. We have the Committee in existence, let them do the work.

Miss Owen gave notice of further amendment.

Mr. Bruce: I cannot find out whether I am with Mr. Shuttleworth or against him. The main thing to my view is the first part in my motion. I think the letter asks for it, wants it, and deserves it. The S.N.U., judging from the letter, are not asking for co-operation. If any person can prove to me that that letter and that motion is asking for willing co-operation I stand corrected.

President: What Mr. Bruce has said is quite correct. The letter says "In view of the fact of the lack of real harmonious relations as disclosed by the recent correspondence, the view was expressed strongly by members of the Council that drastic steps should be taken to end this state of affairs." It is not a question of asking in a harmonious spirit. Is Mr. Bruce willing to withdraw his motion in view of Mr. Shuttleworth's amendment?

Mr. Bruce: Yes, if we can get the S.N.U. to offer their scheme.

President: The motion is now withdrawn and we have only one before the meeting which is Mr. Shuttleworth's.

Mr. Mack: If this motion is passed now what effect will it have on the motion on the S.N.U. Conference Agenda? Shan't we still be in the same boat if that resolution is passed at the S.N.U. A.G.M.?

Mr. Bruce: If this motion is passed now I suggest we ask for the withdrawal of their motion.

President: Whether the S.N.U. would take this motion as a gesture of willing co-operation I do not know.

Mr. Richardson: We are saying to another party what are your terms, and we will consider them. We should not enter into a thing of this sort in that spirit. We must get together, use the Lyceum spirit of co-operation, and say we are willing to co-operate with them.

Miss Owen moved, Mr. Morgan seconded:

That in reply to the S.N.U. letter we say that this Conference is of the opinion that the time is opportune for discussions to be opened between

the B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. to explore the terms and conditions upon which fusion could be effectively brought into operation and resolve that a Committee of three be elected by and from this Conference to confer with the S.N.U. and present a report to the 1936 B.S.L.U. Conference.

Mr. Calway: If Liverpool, Daulby Hall, will say "present their recommendations and report to the next Conference" we will be with them. Will Liverpool accept the word "recommendation."

Mr. Keeling: We might be able to report and not present recommendations.

President: I see Mr. Keeling's point. I also appreciate that you are asking for the appointment of a Committee to replace a Committee already in existence. Let me point out that there is a Committee in existence to do this and you are asking for a Committee when there is one already to do the work.

Miss Owen: Has the existing Committee been appointed on the question of fusion?

President: The Committee is to consider the relationships between the two Unions and this is part of their work, and it has been offered to the S.N.U. that the Joint Committee should take the matter up and we have been informed that it was not considered advisable.

Mr. Shuttleworth: The M.C. and Trustees have spent a very strenuous week-end exploring this in every way we could. We are in a position of not having any definite information. When Conference next meets it ought to be in possession of definite information, and last year you accepted a resolution setting up a Joint Committee. Surely you are not going to set up another Committee over their heads? Let them do their own work.

Mr. Keeling: If Miss Owen's resolution passes I intend to move that the three shall form this Committee.

President: That does not alter the resolution in any way.

Mrs. Johnson moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That the vote be taken on the amendment. *Carried.*

For amendment 20 votes.

Against amendment 66 votes. *Lost.*

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

Officers 4; Area Representatives 6; Trustees 3; Auditors 2; Guild 1; Manual Revision 1; U.D.C. 1; District Councils 16 (representing 12 D.C.'s); Lyceum Delegates 56 (representing 46 Lyceums). Total eligible to vote 90. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2; Messenger 1; Total present 93.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That the Credential Report be accepted. *Carried.*

Mr. Railton moved, Mr. Burrows seconded:

That the vote be taken on the motion. *Carried.*

The motion is "That we deplore the spirit and threat contained in the letter re fusion from the S.N.U. and we ask the S.N.U. E.C. to submit their scheme for amalgamation to the B.S.L.U. M.S. who shall discuss the same, make recommendations to the B.S.L.U. section of the Joint S.N.U. B.S.L.U. Committee to discuss and report to the 1936 Conference."

For .. 72

Against .. 6 *Carried.*

Mr. Mack: I want to know what the position is going to be if the S.N.U. Conference decide this motion that is on their Agenda? I am prepared to move a motion unless the Trustees are prepared to move one in its place.

President: We are replying to the S.N.U. letter and we are replying along lines in which they ask for our reply. And we cannot contemplate that they will reply along lines you are suggesting. To come to our 1936 Conference are the proposals and suggestions. We have got to assume that that is what will happen.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Can you give us a definite assurance that this will happen? Failing that I am going to move that we put clause 9 into operation.

Mr. Burrows: As a member of the S.N.U. Council I cannot for a moment conceive that our President can definitely state that the S.N.U. Council will withdraw this resolution. If I got my feelings correctly in this matter, the members present will agree with me, in saying that we dare not pledge this Union that such a thing will be withdrawn.

President: The only position we can take is that we must assume that it will be so.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Edwards seconded:

On behalf of the Trustees That we put Clause 9 of the Trust Deed into operation.

Mr. Keeling: To a point of order I think that a resolution of this sort should have proper notice given that the Lyceum Movement may consider it.

President: Will the Standing Orders Committee get together and discuss the matter?

Mr. Mack: I do not want to be prevented from moving my motion regarding practically the same matter. My motion is perfectly in order, I think. My motion is:

That if an Annual General Meeting of the S.N.U. Ltd., decides to proceed with the uniting of Churches and Lyceums within its own organisation the Trustees of the B.S.L.U. be empowered to explore all possible means of safeguarding the independency of the B.S.L.U. and its Lyceums even to the possibility of becoming a separate legal body.

Mr. Shuttleworth: We want to adequately safeguard the interests of the Lyceum Union. We are only working on behalf of the power conferred upon us by this Trust Deed. I will drop my motion and second Mr. Mack's.

Mr. Calway: Speaking against the resolution, I think we have their assurance that there is no form of threat. This resolution is stating that if the S.N.U. do certain things in 1935 that our Trustees will explore the means to do certain things for the benefit of this Union. It is a mild form of retaliation.

Mr. Fruin: I want to make a protest against the way this meeting is being conducted. I think it is a shame that when one of our delegates gets to his feet he is not allowed to make his remarks. Because London is in favour of fusion one of our delegates is cut down.

President: You must withdraw that statement. You go no further until that is withdrawn.

Mr. Fruin: I withdraw.

Mr. Robson: The Tyneside L.D.C. considered this aspect to a great extent and we are fully in favour of this particular motion being put forward, that we should, in any circumstances whatever, be put upon our own footing as a legal body. It is time we were. I think we are wise, the North think we are wise, in putting ourselves upon a legal basis and standing as a legal body, in control fully of our own affairs.

Mr. Mack: I did not say very much on the motion. I am not going to say very much in my reply. Every good company is prepared for eventuality and this motion is simply to cover that point.

I can assure this Conference that there was no idea of retaliation behind my mind. I think the S.N.U. Representatives could take that assurance.

For resolution 55

Against .. 26

The motion is carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

President: I am going to make a suggestion with regard to this. Are you prepared first of all to consider amendment No. 1. under Sub-section A? If you will do that you will save a lot of time no matter which way it goes.

Mrs. Paling: Might I here put forward the motion

That at this juncture, in view of the particular circumstances of this Conference, we do not proceed further to amend the constitution.

President: This business takes precedence over any other business.

Mr. Railton moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That we take Amendment No. 1 in sub-section A.
Agreed.

No. 1. *Sub-Section A.*

Mr. Barnett moved, Mr. Fruin seconded:

That we delete the whole of sub-section A of the Constitution.

Mr. Barnett: I do this on the grounds that the United Districts Council is already a redundant body. I want to refer you to the U.D.C. report for March 9th, 1935. There we have a half-yearly meeting of the U.D.C. at which there are three D.C.'s represented. Does this represent the United Districts? I suggest to you that it does not, and that the continuation of this organisation is of no further use to our Movement.

Mr. Fruin: I am quite prepared to second the deletion of the article referred to and save time. I would endorse what the Manchester delegate has said.

Mr. Bruce: We are supporting the motion on different grounds. Merely because we are suggesting another scheme in the amendments which would be democratic.

Mr. Keeling: I was Secretary of the Committee which included the U.D.C. in Constitution. I want to point out to Conference that this motion to delete section A is tantamount to an admission that the Lyceum Movement is unable to make the U.D.C. work. There cannot be any second opinion. They could do an enormous amount of good work if they met together twice a year in the interests of the Union. It is just to admit our failure to take advantage of this particular amendment.

Mr. Dickinson: I am going to say this. It is dead because D.Cs. sent delegates who were dead.

Mr. Keeling: I do request that the delegate withdraw that statement.

Mr. Dickinson: The idea that is going through the Movement that the U.D.C. would possibly have more vitality outside the constitution than inside is tantamount to saying that they cannot work by method; cannot be governed by law. If the D.Cs. would only recognise that their delegates form the U.D.C. and those delegates are appointed by the D.Cs., and if the U.D.C. is redundant it reflects upon the D.Cs. who appoint the delegates.

Vote: For deletion 50
Against .. 17. *Carried.*

All other amendments on sub-section A become redundant.

President: I want to make things quite clear. The question may arise re a two-thirds majority. The proposal is that we accept the report of the Committee and these are the amendments to that proposal. Thus they don't require a two thirds majority. Afterwards when you have gone through all these amendments then you will have to say that you accept the report as amended, and then you will require a two-thirds majority, because it is an amendment to Constitution.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE B.S.L.U.

No. 1. *Article 3 Clause C.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Burrows seconded.

That we delete all the words after "religion."

After discussion Mr. Ellis withdrew the resolutions. Conference agreed that it should be withdrawn.

No. 1a.

Mr. Fruin moved, Mrs. Fruin seconded:

That we substitute the word "harmonious" for the word "harmonial."

For .. 48 *Carried.*

No. 2. *Article 4.*

President: You will see that you will be asked really to take this to four different ends. 1. Either you accept the report of the Committee with regard to your Management Committee, or 2. You reject the report of the Committee and revert to the present Constitution by Amendment No. 2, with the exception of the word "Secretary." 3. Elect your E.C. by postal ballot. 4. Enlarge the M.C. by having one from each District

Council. Financially this is provided for later on in the Bye-Laws Amendments.

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Robson seconded:

That we delete the whole article and retain the article 4 as printed in the old constitution, with the exception of the word "Secretary."

Mr. Shuttleworth: I want to ask Conference to suspend Standing Orders and proceed to take the Trustees and Ainsworth Report on Page VIII of the Supplement. This is absolutely legal business and it must be taken to-day.

Mr. Dickinson moved, Mr. Railton seconded:

That Standing Orders be suspended in order that we can consider matters of urgency. *Carried.*

Mr. Shuttleworth: First there is the position of Mr. Mack. I wish to read a letter which must be accepted by the Conference. It is dated 8th June, 1934. Mr. Shuttleworth read Mr. Latham's resignation.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Keeling seconded:

That Mr. Latham's resignation be accepted. *Carried.*

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Johnson seconded:

That the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union appoint Mr. George A. Mack to fill the place rendered vacant by Mr. Latham's resignation.

Mr. Keeling: Is it the 'appointment' or 'nomination'? The actual "appointment" of the Trustee is made by the National Union.

Mr. Shuttleworth: We appoint him here and it is ratified by the S.N.U., A.G.M.

President: Mr. Keeling wants the right word.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Mack was appointed last year; may I ask why this appointment has not been accepted by the S.N.U.

President: On a strictly legal basis.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Technically the S.N.U. are right. Legally they are right. We cannot appoint an individual to fill a position that is not vacant at the present time. It is usual to nominate a person to fill such a position when such a happening occurs.

President: I prefer that some explanation of that sort come after we resume standing orders. We want to show we are not harbouring any animosity but that we do recognise the exact position.

Mr. Shuttleworth: We are prepared to offer a definite recommendation to Conference later.

Mr. Mack's appointment was carried *nem con.*

President: Is there anything arising out of the Trustees Report?

Mr. Calway: What is the capital sum of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Fund?

Mr. Shuttleworth: I think we should be right in saying there is no capital sum. The money from the Ainsworth Charity, which was invested with the Charity Commissioners, was invested under the law of 'Mort main.' We have a capital sum there but it does not belong to us. In other words we have purchased an annuity in perpetuity. We have got from the Charity Commissioners a certain amount of interest which will go on for ever and ever. The capital sum can never be withdrawn. I cannot exactly state the amount but I believe it is just under £1500. It is the interest from that capital sum which we are using.

Mrs. Mack: Is this the time for moving a motion for raising funds for the Ainsworth Home of Rest?

President: I have heard one or two questions this week-end. Perhaps the Secretary of the Trustees will amplify that reply by letting this Conference know whether in the event of us having money to build and establish a Home the capital can be used to help us to build a Home? When the Union or Spiritualist Movement is in a position to build a Home of Rest of their own will such a sum be part of the endowment for that Home? It will never come into our funds. If this Lyceum Union went out of existence the Ainsworth Charity could still operate.

Mrs. Bruce moved:

That the report be adopted.

Mr. Shuttleworth: There is still the matter of the mortgages. One is a tied fund, the other is part of the Home Fund. This Conference has got to express their approval if they want to use this fund.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Barnett seconded:

That, as we cannot foresee any future for the Home Fund, the £150 Home Fund Mortgage shall be paid into the Union's funds for immediate use.

Carried with 12 dissentients.

Mr. Shuttleworth: The other Mortgage belongs to the £2,000 Effort and it will be re-invested.

Mr. Burrows moved, Miss Owen seconded.

That the £2,000 Effort Fund mortgage be re-invested.

Carried.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Barnett seconded:

That the Trustees Report be adopted.

Carried.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Can we now have the Ainsworth accounts accepted? After Conference has expressed its approval I have got to send the statement, signed by the Auditors to the Charity Commissioners.

President: I cannot very well pick bits out of the Balance Sheet and adopt that bit.

Mr. Shuttleworth: This is purely a legal requirement. You cannot do business of this sort on a Sunday, and I am asking you to adopt this with our report.

Mr. Robinson moved

That we adopt the Ainsworth Home of Rest Report.

Mr. Shuttleworth: This is a separate account on its own and it is not part of the Union's balance sheet.

Mr. Entwistle: It is shown both sides as an asset and a liability.

Miss Owen moved:

That the Ainsworth Home of Rest Report be adopted.

But, Miss Owen said: Before you adopt the report there is just one point. The Secretary's salary, £13. It does seem a large amount for twelve people to receive treatment. I do wish the M.C. would consider this.

President: We have not come to the point where we have had to refuse patients. Perhaps if we had we should have to use some of the £13.

Mr. Keeling moved, Mrs. Paling seconded:

That the matter of £13 Secretary's Salary for Ainsworth Home of Rest work be reviewed.

Agreed.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Keeling seconded:

That Mr George A. Mack be appointed a Governor of the Ainsworth Charity.

Carried.

Mr. Harding moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That we accept the Statement of Accounts and adopt the Report of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme.

Mr. Dickinson moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That we resume Standing Orders.

Agreed.

Conference adjourned at 9-45 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Conference opened with the singing of "Open Wide the Gates." Mr. Burrows pronounced the invocation.

WELCOME.

Four Lyceumists, two boys and two girls, recited a Welcome to the Delegates, the Officers, the M.C. and other Members of the Conference and presented bookmarks to the Officers and Members of the Management Committee.

In responding the President said: I always feel when these Welcomes come along that I am quite inadequate to reply to them. There is a lot that I would like to say, and I sincerely appreciate all that has been done in this Welcome, but I feel that, perhaps, the words of thanks of a lady are more proper in replies like this. I am asking your Vice-President, Mrs. George, to give the reply to the Welcome.

Mrs. George: I think it is a very great privilege to be asked to respond to the Welcome which the children have given to us. "Thanks" hardly seems to be the word. I think the best method of showing that we are really grateful for the Welcome is to try and show the little children that we intend to carry out their word by being living examples. We were talking about the Youth Movement yesterday, and the only way by which we can carry on and keep the children in our Movement is by developing youth, actually by becoming as little children. We have failed, to some extent in the building up of the adult side of our Movement. We have forgotten the simple side and after all, the simple side is actually the greatest and the only side in which we can reach the perfection for which we are aiming. I hope that we shall reach the point of simplicity when we are discussing the question of the meeting together under fusion, and if we can try and recognise that as we are growing we are doing so because of the little children, and if the adult side try to come down to the child mind, then I feel that the spirit of the Lyceum will finally be the basis upon which we have built our fusion. Let us reach the realisation that, after all, we are trying to build up a child movement. Let us recognise that the children to-day are the adults who will guide Spiritualism in the future.

I want the children to feel how much we appreciate their little effort and may the memory of it stimulate them to become real, live Lyceumists. May we be examples which I hope will be if not perfect, at least splendid to follow. (Applause).

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

Officers 4; Area Representatives 6; Trustees 3; Auditors 2; Guild 1; Manual Revision 1; U.D.C. 1; District Councils 16 (representing 12 District Councils); Lyceum delegates 57 (representing 47 Lyceums). Total eligible to vote 91. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2; Messenger 1; Total 94.

Mr. Johnson moved, Miss Entwistle seconded:

That the Credential Report be accepted.

Agreed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President.

Mrs. A. Calway	5 votes.
Mr. J. Shuttleworth	18 votes.
Mr. J. Slimin	67 votes. Elected.

Vice-President.

Mrs. L. George	59 votes. Elected.
Mr. H. C. Guy	16 votes.
Mr. J. Shuttleworth	15 votes.

Treasurer.

Mr. W. Burrows	Elected unopposed.
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Auditor.

Mr. J. Entwistle	Elected unopposed.
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S.N.U. A.G.M. Delegates

Education Secretary-elect	41	Elected.
Mr. A. E. Fruin	33	45 Elected.
Mr. J. Shuttleworth	33	44
Mr. J. Taylor	32	
Mr. G. P. Robson	27	
Mr. T. Ellis	5	
Mr. F. R. Cook	5	

General Secretary.

Mrs. A. Mills.	
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S.N.U. E.C. Representative.

Mrs. George	37	39
Mr. W. Burrows	35	51 Elected.
Mr. G. P. Robson	15	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

No. 2 Article 4.

President: The amendment is that we delete the whole as printed in the report and retain Article 4 as printed in the old Constitution with the exception of the word 'secretary.' This is an amendment and there is no right of reply.

For amendment 20.

Against overwhelming. The amendment is lost.

No. 3. Article 4.

Mr. Fruin moved, Mrs. Fruin seconded:

That the second sentence be amended to read "they shall be elected by and from the annual Conference and together with an Executive Council of four persons elected by a postal ballot, two from North, one from Midlands, and one from South."

President: There is a necessary addition to this amendment. As it is put it does not give the purpose of the ballot vote and if the words "Shall form the Management Committee" were added to the end of the amendment it would make it much more proper and make it read:

That the second sentence 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 shall form the Management Committee, two from North, one from Midlands, and one from South."

Conference agreed that the words "Shall form the Management Committee" be added to the amendment.

Vote on amendment: For 23
Against, overwhelming. Lost.

NOMINATIONS FOR S.N.U., E.C. REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. Roberts moved:

Mrs. L. George.

Mr. Ellis moved:

Mr. Burrows.

Mr. Dickinson, moved:

Mr. G. P. Robson.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Johnson seconded:

That nominations close. *Agreed.*

President: It is absolutely inadvisable that your E.C. Member should be anyone but a Management Committee Member, and I ask that nominations only be from M.C. Members.

No. 4. Article 4.

Mr. Bruce moved, Mr. Robson seconded:

That we 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."

Against, overwhelming. Lost.

President: When the revision is complete I shall ask that the whole of the report be accepted and the alterations added.

No. 5. Article 5.

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Fruin seconded

That we delete the word "Fifteen" and substitute the word "seven."

For .. 48
Against 31 *Carried.*

In view of the previous amendment being accepted Southern Counties L.D.C. withdrew amendment No. 6.

On behalf of the Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C. Mr. Ellis withdrew Amendment No. 7 on Article 6. Clause c.

No. 8. is agreed automatically.

No. 9 Article 6. Line 16.

Mr. W. Taylor moved, Mr. Barnett seconded:

That we delete all words after "in" and insert "more than one capacity during the Conference."

Mr. W. Taylor: This has been moved simply on the grounds that we are not quite sure what is really intended. We consider that our words make the meaning clear to everyone.

For .. 13
Against overwhelming. Lost.

Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That any part of the revision amendments, from bodies not represented at this Conference, be

allowed to be moved, provided some delegate is willing to do so. *Agreed.*

No. 10. Bradford L.D.C. was not represented, no-one would move the amendment, so it was dropped.

No. 11. Article 7.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Burrows seconded:

That after the word "register" there be inserted "but three delegates shall be the maximum representation of any Lyceum."

For .. 14
Against, overwhelming. Lost.

The President declared the election of the Area Representatives.

NOMINATIONS FOR S.N.U. A.G.M. DELEGATES.

Mr. Roberts moved:

President and Education Secretary.

President: I think it would be better if you do not nominate your President. There is quite a possibility that your President will be on the Council of the S.N.U. The Education Secretary is not yet elected.

Mr. Roberts altered his nomination to read:

Vice-President and Education Secretary-elect.

Vice-President: I would like to refuse nomination to stand for the delegate to the S.N.U. A.G.M.

Mr. North moved: Mr. T. Ellis.

Miss Drysdale moved: Mr. G. P. Robson.

Mr. Bruce moved: Mr. F. R. Cook.

Mr. Calway moved: Mr. A. E. Fruin.

Mr. Barnett moved: Mr. J. Taylor.

Mr. Dickinson moved: Mr. J. Shuttleworth.

Mr. Roberts moved: The Education Secretary Elect.

Mr. Burrows moved, Mrs. Bruce seconded:

That nominations close. *Carried.*

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Johnson seconded:

That the two receiving the highest number of votes be the elected representatives. *Agreed.*

President: That method had been adopted previously although it is strictly out of order. If each of the nominees is agreeable however, I will put it to the meeting.

Mrs. Mack and Mr. Bruce objected to the two people receiving the highest vote being elected and suggested the exhaustive ballot.

No. 12. Article 7 Para. 2.

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Burrows seconded:

That the words after "be" on the last line be deleted, and substituted by "a member of an affiliated Lyceum." *Carried with two dissentients.*

Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16 all are automatically dropped because of previous decisions. No. 17 and 18 could not be put because there was no one willing to move them in the absence of representatives from North East Cheshire L.D.C. and Bradford L.D.C. No. 19, was automatically withdrawn.

No. 20. Article 10.

Mr. Shuttleworth: The paragraph was inserted to cover the transitory period.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Calway seconded:

That the sentence in brackets be deleted.

Mr. Burrows: I would like to ask the mover what they are going to do in between times? The whole of the E.C. will come out of office and there will be no-one to carry on what has previously been done.

President: The S.N.U. have a similar scheme in the election of their Councillors. Councillors serve for two years so that the personnel of the Council is not fully changed any year. At the present time you would have in the first year, the election of four Committee Members, out of those four there would be two who would retire the following year, but would be eligible for re-election, so that at least two of your members would be retained for two years and after that every year there would be automatically two falling out and two remaining.

Against, overwhelming. Lost.

No. 21. *Article 10 Section B.*

Mr. Coe moved, Mr. Bruce seconded:

That we delete section B and substitute "make not less than 20 attendances at the Lyceum on whose register their names appear during the twelve months preceding conference, unless prevented by official service to the Union."

Mrs. Sutton: If this amendment carried what happens to section C?

President: No. 22 deletes section C. 21 does not, and therefore, I take it that section C stands as it is, even if your amendment is passed.

Mr. Taylor: If we take this amendment as it stands section C of the report would automatically follow:

President: No. Section C could not follow unless there is a definite resolution carried to make it so.

Mr. Coe withdrew the amendment.

No. 22. dropped for want of a mover.

No. 23. *Article 10.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Bruce seconded:

That we add a new paragraph "candidates for the office of President and Vice-President must have served on the Management Committee for not less than twelve months."

The amendment was *carried*.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That Nos. 24 and 25 be deferred until we consider Bye Law 5. *Carried.*

No. 26. *Article 12.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Burrows seconded.

That we delete after the word "by" in the first paragraph, to the word "two" in second paragraph and continue.

The amendment was *lost*.

No. 28. *Article 12.*

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That we vote without discussion on this amendment. *Agreed.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded:

That a new paragraph be added: "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." *Carried.*

Nos. 29, 30, and 31 dropped automatically.

It was suggested that with No. 32, consideration be given to No. 9 Sub-Section A. No. 10 Sub-Section B, No. 12 Sub-Section C, and No. 34 Bye Laws.

No. 32. *Article 16.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Burrows seconded:

That after the word "a" on Line 3, the words "two-thirds" be inserted.

For .. 47

Against 34 *Carried.*

SUB-SECTION B.

Mr. Nellist: Is it not necessary that we delete these articles that are relative to Sub-section A?

President: Where these amendments arise, that the U.D.C. be deleted, they are automatically deleted by the deletion of Sub-section A by amendment.

The first vote for S.N.U. A.G.M. Delegate was announced.

The Education Secretary-elect was elected. Mr. Fruin and Mr. Shuttleworth tied for the second place.

Mr. Ellis moved,

That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shuttleworth and Mr. Fruin be submitted for a re-vote.

President: You decreed that the two top persons be elected. You must vote between Mr. Shuttleworth and Mr. Fruin for the second place.

SUB-SECTION B. No. 1.

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Bruce seconded:

That we delete the word "Lyceum" on last line and substitute the word "Financial."

Against overwhelming. *Lost.*

Mr. Taylor: May I ask the Chairman if a D.C. shall decide by a majority vote that in its own particular Constitution it shall not allow any of its Associates to vote, is it violating the B.S.L.U. Constitution by so doing?

President: There are no rules or bye-laws controlling Associates which say anything of this, and I think I could make out a very good case for a ruling being inserted that Associates shall not be allowed to vote at all. I do not see how the Constitution of the B.S.L.U. can upset it.

Mr. Taylor accepted the ruling.

Nos. 2 and 3 fall automatically.

No. 4. *Article 6.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Calway seconded:

That the words "and the Gen. Sec. shall publish all such notices in the next issue of 'The Lyceum Banner'" be deleted.

Against overwhelming. *Lost.*

No. 5. *Article 7. Section A.*

Mr. Barnett moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That this amendment be deferred until Nos. 7-15 in bye law amendments are considered. *Agreed.*

No. 6. *Article 7. Section D.*

Mr. Guy moved, Mrs. Moule seconded:

That the words "who are members of an affiliated Lyceum within the district" be deleted.

Mr. Keeling: The amendment means we need not be a member of a Lyceum to be an Associate of a District Council.

President: Mr. Keeling is right. This is a dangerous door to open. Some disgruntled Lyceumist may get round a disgruntled member of a Church and they can become Associates. It is desirable that we should protect our Lyceum Movement.

Mr. Taylor asked what is a Lyceumist?

President: A Lyceumist is one whose name appears on the Roll of a Lyceum and who is working in Lyceum work, which does not necessarily mean that their name appears on the roll of an affiliated Lyceum.

Against overwhelming. *Lost.*

At this juncture the result of the election of the S.N.U. A.G.M. Delegates was declared, and Mrs. Mack stated that her objection had been amply justified. Conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

President: Before we resume normal business of Conference I am going to ask Mrs. Paling to read us the list of Arisen Workers.

Mrs. Paling: I have been given the list of Arisen Workers who have passed to the Higher life since last Conference. I know that all of you will feel that, although our sympathy must go out to the relatives, we must feel with them a certain amount of joy that they have passed on to the higher life. More particularly because we Lyceumists and Spiritualists will feel that there is on the other side of life those who are in sympathy with us in our work, and those who will help us from week to week and from year to year. I do not think it is necessary for me to ask you to close your minds for a moment or two.

A standing vote of sympathy and congratulation was passed.

No. 8. *Article 10.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Robson seconded:

That the words "from the members of the Council" be deleted.

Mr. Keeling: I think we could leave this to the vote of Conference.

The amendment was carried.

No. 9 is automatically withdrawn.

No. 10. *Article 12.*

President: We have already agreed on the principle of this. Do you agree that this shall be accepted?

It was agreed

That No. 10 be accepted.

SUB-SECTION C.

No. 1. *Article 2.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mrs. Fruin seconded:

That all the words after "Creeds" in line 6 be deleted. The amendment was lost by an overwhelming majority.

No. 2. *Article 3.*

Mr. Keeling: There are two things moved in this matter. I suggest we take it in two sections.

Mr. Fruin moved, Miss Payne seconded:

That we delete after the word "person" to the word "area."

Mr. Fruin: This section is to delete the words "residing within a reasonable contiguous." Why should we limit the distance for Lyceumists to travel if they are keen?

Mr. Keeling: I am compelled to oppose this because it was put in deliberately to meet a difference in the past. The main difficulty was to find words which would not cripple us.

For first portion: For 38.
Against 39. *Lost.*

Mr. Cook: I rise to object to the second portion of this because I believe it would take away the power of acceptance or rejection.

No. 2. *Section 2. Article 3.*

Mrs. Calway moved, Mr. Fruin seconded:

That all words after "Register" be deleted.

Mr. Calway: I think there is a mistake in the wording of the amendment. I don't think it was intended to cover the last sentence. I think it was only to get at the words "by consent of the Committee" to all persons becoming members of the Lyceum.

Mr. Taylor: In view of the uncertainty I suggest the whole matter be withdrawn.

President: I cannot alter the amendment, it must stand as it is here.

The amendment was lost.

No. 3. *Article 4.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Burrows seconded:

That the word "two" in front of "guards" be deleted. *Carried.*

No. 4. *Article 5.*

Mr. Bruce moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That on line 7 "12" be deleted and "14" inserted.

The motion was defeated.

No. 5 and 6. *Article 5 and 6.*

President: With regard to No. 5 and 6, I hope that I am not transgressing on the work of the Standing Orders Committee in suggesting that these be withdrawn. They will be "ultra vires." They are touching on a legal point, and no person under 21 years of age can decide upon legal matters. Nos. 5 and 6 are withdrawn.

No. 7. *Article 6. Section 4.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

That after the word "Lyceum" we 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."

The motion was lost.

No. 8. *Article 6.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Calway seconded,

Section 6. That the words "under supervision and direction" be deleted and "in co-operation with" be substituted.

For, 33. *The motion was lost.*

No. 9. *Article 8.*

Mr. Keeling: I want to accept this amendment. It would be a splendid alternative.

It was agreed

That the word "Children's" in line 5 be deleted.

No. 10. *Article 9.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,

That the words "Executive Council" be deleted and "Lyceum" substituted.

Mr. Fruin: We have found that limiting the work of the Lyceum to two or three is not wise. *The amendment carried.*

No. 11. *Article 11.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Calway seconded,

That the whole be deleted and substituted by "Two Auditors over the age of 21 shall be appointed annually by the members of the Lyceum."

Mr. Fruin: We think it is the legal aspect that matters.

Mr. Keeling: There is quite a good and important principle involved. It is a good aspect from the legal standpoint to insert the words "over the age of 21" after the word "Auditors."

President: Really, it is almost necessary that the words "over 21" should be inserted, even if we were to leave the amendment alone. If London would be satisfied with the addition of that, I think that that could be agreed upon. Let us insert the words "over the age of 21" after the word "Auditors."

It was agreed

That the words "over the age of 21" be inserted after the word "Auditors."

No. 12. President: The principle has previously been agreed upon.

No. 13. President: This was ruled out of order by the Standing Orders Committee and by mistake it was inserted in the list by the printers. Really it should not be in the list.

BYE-LAWS.

President: *Bye-Law 1. No. 1.* This should read section 2, not section 3.

No. 1 was dropped for want of a mover.

No. 2. *Bye-Law 2.*

Withdrawn?

No. 3. *Bye-Law 2.* This also falls.

No. 4. *Bye-Law 3. Section 1.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. North seconded,

That we delete after the word "paid," on line 1, to "incurred," and substitute "and an itemised account of railway, postages and stationery expenses." *This was defeated.*

No. 5 falls automatically.

No. 6.

It was agreed

That "U.D.C." be deleted.

No. 7. *Bye-Law 5. Section 1.*

Mr. Barnett moved, Mr. W. Taylor seconded,

That we delete the words "sixpence for each name on the Register" and substitute "10s. for the first 40 or part of 40 names on their Register, and 5s. for each 20 or part of 20."

Mr. Barnett: We have proposed this amendment with a view to trying to do something to help our Union and at the same time attempting to refrain from adding increased burdens upon Lyceums who are already carrying tremendous burdens.

Under the Constitution Revision Report there are

many Lyceums which would be required to pay 15s. to 25s. more in fees. Many would have to pay between 25s. and 35s. more than at the present time, and in one instance there would be an increase of 43s., making a total payment of £3. 13s. in membership fees.

Mrs. Mack: The amendment as it stands cannot be accepted. It says 10s. for 40 members and 5s. for 20 members or part of 20.

President: The word "succeeding" should be inserted. I think we could agree to insert the word "succeeding."

It was agreed

That the word "succeeding" be inserted where necessary.

Mr. Mack: What will be your attitude to the other amendments if this amendment is carried?

President: If this amendment is carried, then you have accepted a principle and the other amendments would fall.

The amendment was lost.

No. 8. *Bye-Law 5. Section 1.*

Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Ellis seconded,

That we delete the words "sixpence for each name on their Register" and substitute "10s. for the first 50 names on their Register, and 5s. for each 25 or part of 25 after," and follow on.

President: Before you vote I want to call your attention to an omission. Will you add "succeeding" to the amendment?

It was agreed

That the word "succeeding" be added.

For 57.

Ag. 27.

The amendment was carried.

Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 drop out.

No. 13 is accepted because No. 8 has been accepted.

Nos. 14 and 15 drop out.

No. 16. *Bye-Law 5. Section 5.*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

Section 5. (a) That we delete all words therein and add new paragraph. (a) District Councils shall pay a subscription of 2s. per annum for each Lyceum in membership.

Mr. Ellis: There will be no provision for this otherwise, so it is very necessary.

President: There is No. 18 to come on, which suggests 2s. 6d. per Lyceum.

Mr. Taylor: Might I suggest to Manchester that they withdraw, because we were basing Council Fees on the 2s. 6d. because that would be an increase similar to that from Lyceums.

President: It is necessary that you should have this.

The amendment carried.

Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20 all drop out.

No. 21. *Bye-Law 5.*

Mr. Guy: Besides the age, which has already been decided, there is the principle of two small bodies being able to amalgamate together for the purpose of representation at Conference involved here.

President: In this amendment you have made a motion which embodies two principles. The first one is rejected and now you are asking that we shall delete it and let us go to the second part. It is actually your mistake in the first place in embodying two things in one motion.

Mr. Keeling: We have agreed to reduce the number constituting a Lyceum to seven. This paragraph does not apply.

No. 22. *Bye-Law 5. New Paragraph.*

Mr. Bruce moved, Mr. Cook seconded,

That a new paragraph be added, "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."

President: The Standing Orders Committee should never have allowed this to come on the list. The legal position is not there to allow this to go on.

No. 23. *Bye-Law 5.*

Mr. Ray: This amendment is not from Moston.

Mr. Burrows: I'd like to know whether Moston Lyceum has discussed it?

Mr. Ray: It has never been discussed.

No. 23 was not moved.

Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, all drop out automatically.

No. 33. *Bye-Law 13 (clause e).*

Mr. Ellis moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,

That we 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 "Trustees shall."

Mr. Shuttleworth: Under the new Trust Act a Trustees Board is a self-constituted body and appoints its own Secretary.

President: Then we cannot appoint the Trustees Secretary.

No. 33 was withdrawn.

No. 34 has previously been accepted in principle.

No. 24 and 25. *Amendments to Articles of Constitution.*

Mr. Taylor: May I suggest that the first one, No. 24, be withdrawn and the second one accepted because of the acceptances since.

It was agreed

That in Article 11 the words "and District Councils" be added.

Section B. No. 5.

It was agreed

In Article 7, Section A. That all the words herein be deleted and substituted by "Subscriptions from Lyceums, the amount of which shall be decided by the Council."

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

That the Report as amended be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

President: Your M.C. will have to use this and you may find in actual practice that there are some grave mistakes. You ought really to give your Management Committee power to make an absolutely essential correction.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mrs. Johnson seconded,

That this Conference instructs the Management Committee to compile a New Constitution according to the principles expressed and wherever there seems to be discrepancies in the wording, etc., the Management Committee have power to alter.

Carried.

Mrs. Bruce moved, Mrs. Pickles seconded,

That we discharge the Constitution Revision Committee and express our thanks to the Chairman, J. Shuttleworth, the Secretary, E. A. Keeling, and J. E. Hart, for the work they have done in connection with the Constitution Revision.

President: I was one of that Committee and I know that some of the hardest work was done by those three people after the Committee had considered many things. Mr. Shuttleworth, Mr. Keeling and Mr. Hart took the thing in hand and put it into ship-shape, and I think it is only fair that we should express our thanks to all three.

Mr. Keeling: I thank Conference for that expression on behalf of Mr. Shuttleworth, Mr. Hart and myself. One week-end we went and hid ourselves in a little room at Southport and I don't think we got out very much. We were fed, and worked, in the house all week-end.

ELECTIONS.

No. 8. *Appointment of General Secretary.*

President: With your permission, I think we will bring this forward now, so that the real essential things of the Conference are dealt with.

Mr. Burrows moved,
That we appoint Mrs. Mills as General Secretary for the next three years.

Mr. Shuttleworth: He is putting into operation a thing he ought not to do. I suggest he gets someone in Conference to move it.

President: To get over the difficulty I am going to take an unprecedented step. From the Chair I am going to move

That this Conference instructs the Trustees to engage Mrs. Mills as Secretary of the Union for a period of three years.

I am not going to make any speech about it. I'm just going to formally move it.

Mr. Harding supported.

Mrs. Sutton moved, and it was agreed

That the vote be now taken. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Keeling: Is it the prerogative of this Conference to determine the terms?

President: The Bye-Law says that the M.C. shall draw up terms at the instruction of Conference and the Trustees shall ratify. I would like to put it absolutely in order. Will you allow it to be added, either to the formal proposal, or make another motion, that the terms and conditions upon which the Secretary be engaged be those under which she is working, subject to any necessary revision that the M.C. may consider advisable?

Mr. Keeling moved, Mrs. Paling seconded,

That this Conference instructs the Management Committee to arrange terms with Mrs. Mills on the basis of those existing during the last twelve months. *Carried.*

BADGES.

President: Your Management Committee have made plain to you the position which prevails regarding Badges. We got to the point where we were very low in our stock of Badges. It has been brought forward to Conference suggesting a new style of Badge, but whenever it has been suggested there was a large stock, and it would have been uneconomical to adopt such a suggestion. For some time now our stock has been run out. The time is opportune for giving you an opportunity of deciding whether you shall have a new style of Badge. We did not re-stock. We have got samples and designs that might be suitable. There are two that we consider perhaps the most suitable, and we can get these at a price which is favourable compared with that which we have been paying. These can be obtained both in brooch and stud. The question is whether you, like the Management Committee, think the time is opportune for the adoption of a new style of Badge.

Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

That a new style of Badge of a symbolical nature be adopted. *Carried.*

No. 12 on Agenda. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mrs. George seconded,

That the invitation from the Sheffield L.D.C. to hold the 1936 Conference at Parkgate, be accepted, and the date be the Saturday before Whit Sunday and Whit Sunday, May 30th and 31st. *Carried.*

Mr. Taylor suggested the advisability of seeking invitations for the next Conference and the following one.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

Mr. Burrows: The interim report is:—

	Receipts.			Payments.		
General Fund ..	372	18	1	231	13	4
Banner Fund ..	77	5	6	208	13	0
Publishing Fund ..	164	15	0	107	11	0
Certificate Dep. ..		3	6			
	615	2	1	547	17	4

Restoration Fund to May 30th, £77 13 7.

Assets:			Liabilities:		
Balance in Bank:			Wadsworth 1934		
£2,000	2	7 6	a/cs. ..	159	12 9
Balance in Bank,			Wadsworth 1935		
General Fund 44	2	11	a/cs. ..	168	18 6
	46	10 5		328	11 3

We have increased our bank balance and at the same time decreased our liability to Wadsworth by nearly £200. I think we can look with just a little bit of credit to that part of the proceedings.

Mr. Mack moved, Mr. Railton seconded,

That the Treasurer's report be accepted. *Agreed.*

Mr. Keeling: I'd like to support that, but I do think we should recognise that there were exceptional happenings which enabled us to improve our position. It is not altogether due to the Lyceums and Lyceumists in the Movement. It is due to fortuitous circumstances. We know we have done a lot better but we would have been much worse off but for Mr. Kitson's legacy.

Mr. Burrows: We have only one half of Mr. Kitson's legacy and the other half in 1935, some of which we had to pay to the Executors of the Will, so that, whilst it is perfectly true to say we have received about £124 from Mr. Kitson's bequest, it is also perfectly true to say we have reduced our expenses in other directions, with the result that we have reduced our liabilities to Wadsworth. I think everybody was aware of some of the circumstances. There has been a saving on 1934 and a saving on these five months of 1935.

President: We also must remember on the other hand the £200 which shows as lent by the Trustees in 1933, which will not occur again.

Mr. Taylor: In spite of everything we still have a balance of £31 on the right side.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Mr. Entwistle: The Tyneside L.D.C. sent a request for information regarding the Ainsworth Home of Rest. This has already been dealt with.

From Longsight there comes the following: An item in General Fund of £10 7s. 3d. is expended on Office Requisites. In the Publishing Fund account there is £29 11s. 6d. stands to Office Furniture and Fittings. This means £31 1s. 8d. on Office Furniture and Fittings this year and yet it is assessed at £26 odd.

The answer is: The item of "Office Requisites" is practically all for sundry items which cannot either be qualified as Office Furniture and Fittings, nor added to the capital sum of Office Furniture and Fittings which is included in the Publishing Fund. There was no money spent during the twelve months on Furniture and Fittings. It is merely a capital account.

That is the only question. Interest is either lacking or the accounts are satisfactory.

Mr. Calway: It is stated that the Balance Sheet is correct. I beg to differ.

Mr. Edwards moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

That the Auditors' Report be accepted.

Mr. Calway: The point I want to dispute is that the Home Fund and the £2,000 Effort Fund as a liability are shown less a loan made from them to the General Fund. And we have an Accumulative Fund given with rather a large surplus balance. The liability set for the Home Fund and the £2,000 Effort Fund should be shown at the full amount if the transfer was from the previous year's account. They would reduce our Accumulative Fund which, I presume, is really a surplus, to the sum of £46. The accounts are incorrect.

President: Which simply means that if the accounts are incorrect we cannot accept them. We must have a motion for the rejection or you must move that the Balance Sheet this year be not accepted. I do not think the word incorrect should have been used.

Mr. Calway: If they can tell me why they show these two items and not inclusive of the loan and why they do

not include them on the assets side but items for loans from the General Fund as Assets from the £2,000 and reduced the Accumulative Balance greatly it might be deemed correct.

President: The Auditors would certainly have told you if you had complied with the rules and sent in notice. This is certainly a question of which the Auditors should have had notice.

Mr. Entwistle: The whole information is given in the accounts of the Trustees. At the bottom of page 6, Trustees' statement of accounts, you will find "Balance brought forward" is the full amount shown, £651, plus income. You have the information there as to what the loans are, and the same applies to the Home Fund.

Mrs. Johnson moved, Mr. Mack seconded.

That the Auditors' Report be adopted. *Carried.*

Mr. Mack: This is the first time that the Archives have appeared and I want to point out that Mr. Kitson gave a list of the books that he sent along to the Lyceum Union, and that list is not altogether in agreement with the one printed. I would like to compare notes. Perhaps it may be in the name where the misunderstanding is.

President: Perhaps if Mr. Mack will send on a copy of his list we can compare. In some way or other the Union list has got mislaid and there is certainly not a copy of that list in existence so far as we know.

The Auditors' Report was adopted with one dissentient.

M.C. INTERIM REPORT.

The President read the Interim Report.

Up to June 4th this year the total number of Lyceumists is 9,333. We may be accused of holding out high hopes of increasing membership. These hopes were justified by the manner in which our yearly returns this year came forward. The good beginning has not been sustained. There are 29 Lyceums from which we are still awaiting returns. Whether we shall get returns I cannot say, but there are Lyceums in affiliation 208. Not paid fees 29. D.Cs. in affiliation 17. Seven Lyceums have paid fees in 1935 but not in 1934. There is one matter in the M.C. Report on which we are seeking your approval. Our idea is that the policy of the BANNER should be changed, and certainly something will have to be done. I am still very hopeful that the reduced price of Manuals is going to justify itself. We certainly can feel that there are 100 more Manuals being used and read than there would have been if we had got the prices at their old figures.

You now know the important points. We have the Badges to consider and also the question of the BANNER Policy. With just these two things I will leave the Management Committee Report to your consideration.

Miss Owen: In moving the acceptance of the Management Committee Report I want to raise the question of the LYCEUM BANNER. The President states that the policy of the Banner should be changed. Does the policy of the BANNER change every twelve months?

I think that as the Editorship was a voluntary position some thanks should have come from the head office. I thought it might have come from the Interim Report to-day. These thanks should have been expressed to him as Editor and for the work he has put in. Not even those who work with him know the time and trouble he has taken to compile the BANNER each month. It seems very strange that this should come from the M.C.

I want to move

That the position of Editor remain as a separate position and he be invited to the Management Committee Meetings.

President: If you are going to invite anyone to the M.C. Meetings then you are making them M.C. members and I cannot see that that proposition is in order. We have been accused of discourtesy because we have not yet reached the BANNER Report where we were prepared to give our thanks and where the matter could have had a fuller expression.

The question of the policy of the BANNER is not a question of Mr. Keeling, but of the Editor of the

BANNER, whoever that Editor may be. We are not aiming at any person. We have discovered, and I think we can justify ourselves, that it is absolutely essential that the policy of the BANNER should be under the direction and discretion of the Management Committee in every detail, and you cannot ask a voluntary worker to take up that position. If I were the voluntary worker I would not have the M.C. dictate what my work should be. But as it is our official organ it is necessary that its control should be in official hands. We have nothing to complain of in the work that Mr. Keeling has done as Mr. Keeling. We recognise that neither Mr. Keeling nor anyone else can be expected to carry on the Editorship of the BANNER in the official way in which it ought to be carried on. That is our attitude.

Mr. Keeling: Might I make a statement and then retire. Last year, at the request of Conference, and to help the Movement, I took up the Editorship of THE BANNER, not because I wanted it, but because I thought I could help. Just so am I willing to give it up if I can help. I will do it with the utmost willingness. It causes me a tremendous amount of anxiety and thought, but I must say that I am terribly hurt, more hurt than I can find words to express, to think that the Management Committee should have put such a paragraph into print, when I have not received a single suggestion which I have not readily and immediately acceded to. It is a reflection upon my integrity, my honour and my character. Perhaps I am seeing something the words don't convey. That I have failed in the effort I have made to try to help this Union. With that statement I am willing to give it up if it is the wish of the Movement, just as I am willing to go on. I ask your permission to retire.

President: I am very sorry that this matter has been made a personal question. It was never intended as such by the Management Committee. We have had during the last year questions to consider which have involved, not only the policy of the Union, but questions which have undoubtedly made the stability of the Union rather precarious. We have had to look into matters and we have had to consider whether the publication of certain opinions and ideas were really beneficial to your Union and in accordance with its policy. You talked over certain things last Conference and the opinion of the Conference was shown in no uncertain way, and yet your BANNER could take a different attitude, and the person who wrote that article had every right to do what he did. It was his BANNER and he was justified in putting in that BANNER opinions which may convey different ideas to those of the Lyceum Movement. Such a position as that is dangerous to the Union, and it should not be allowed to continue. It was necessary that that danger, the danger of anything like that happening in the future, should be removed. Therefore we came to the conclusion that no matter who the Editor of THE BANNER might be it were better that its policy should be directed from your Management Committee, so that if the policy of the Union, as expressed through your BANNER, was not in accordance with all that you thought right you could come to your Management Committee and hold them responsible and say "You are doing something that is wrong." We know as well as anyone how much work Mr. Keeling has done as Editor. Whoever had the job would have had to work hard or it would have been an absolute failure. We appreciate all that he has done. We would have taken the opportunity in the right way and in the right place to express that appreciation.

Mr. Shuttleworth: The LYCEUM BANNER is the official organ of the Lyceum Movement, and if there is no direct link between these people who we have set up to govern and the paper, then that paper is not fulfilling the work it was set to do. But that paper is our official organ, and as our official organ then the Management Committee should be responsible. I have every sympathy with Mr. Keeling's position. I think I know Mr. Keeling and I am very sorry that he has taken the attitude that he has done. After all, this paper is costing the Movement something, and it ought to be definitely showing the policy of the Management Committee between Conferences.

Mr. Barnett: I think that most delegates will regret the tendency to centre round the personal rather than the the principle. We have spoken quite a lot about democracy. Surely, if we are a democratic Movement, then our official organ must reflect the policy of the rank and file of the Lyceum Movement as expressed through the Annual Conferences. I want to test the opinion of Conference by moving

That this Conference adopt the suggestion embodied in the Management Committee Report re the "Banner."

Mr. Railton seconded: Last year, when Mr. Keeling was moved as Editor, I was quick on my feet to move nominations close, but since then I am of the opinion that the Editorship of THE BANNER must be controlled by the Management Committee, and so I have pleasure in seconding the recommendation.

Miss Owen: Our Lyceum is in agreement with the policy, but we did feel that the Management Committee might have, in some way, made some expression of thanks in the matter. I think the way you retaliated regarding a certain Editorial brought in the personal matter yourself. I also have moved

That the Editorship of the "Banner" remain as a separate position and the Editor be invited to the Management Committee meetings.

President: I have already stated that I cannot accept that motion. If you are going to accept someone on the Management Committee you are giving them the privileges of an M.C. member. I shall have to rule that out of order.

Mr. Shuttleworth: The legal ruling is quite contrary to Miss Owen's motion. I move

That we adopt the M.C. recommendation that the General Secretary be Editor of "The Lyceum Banner" and the general policy be controlled by the Management Committee.

Mr. Dickinson seconded.

Mr. Barnett and Mr. Railton withdrew their motion in favour of Mr. Shuttleworth's amendment.

Mr. Edwards: In making the Agreement of the Secretary of the Union as Editor of THE BANNER, it must be prefaced by the name of the Secretary of the Union, who shall become Editor of our official organ, THE LYCEUM BANNER. Mrs. Mills will not do from the legal standpoint, it must be Mrs. Annie Mills.

Mr. Robson moved, and it was agreed:

That we extend time of Conference to 5-10 p.m.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Dickinson seconded:

That we adopt the Management Committee's recommendation regarding the editorship of the "Banner" being placed in the hands of Mrs. Annie H. Mills, the General Secretary of the Union, and its policy being controlled by the Management Committee.

Carried with 11 dissentients.

Mr. Edwards: Before we request Mr. Keeling to return we might express our thanks and appreciation and gratitude for the services he has rendered during the past year to the best of his ability and we heartily thank him.

President: We will not reach the Banner report. We can take from it the part that is essential and seeing that things have gone as they have I want to add my assurance that there was no thought on the part of the Management Committee of leaving unsaid those words of appreciation.

Mr. Cook seconded the motion.

President: I want, on behalf of the Management Committee, to support the thanks. I can, without hesitation give my assurance to this Conference and to Mr. Keeling, that it was never intended that those thanks should not be expressed, somewhere and somehow, definitely, if the 'Banner' report had been reached. We want to show our appreciation of Mr. Keeling's work during the past year and assure him that the only idea within our minds was for the policy of the 'Banner' to be maintained as we think it should be. We are grateful, as a Management Committee, for what Mr. Keeling has done and I would like to add our appreciation to that of Conference as a whole.

Mr. Edwards moved, Mr. Cook seconded:

That we express our thanks and appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Keeling for the service he has rendered during the past year to the best of his ability. We heartily thank him. *Carried.*

President: Last year you asked that the Members of the Joint Committee consider certain things and bring a report and recommendations to this Conference.

Mr. Burrows read the report.

President: The attitude of your representatives on the Joint Committee is that they feel that the discussion and the terms laid down do not alter in any way the position that has prevailed prior to the passing of the 1934 resolution, recommending that the Committee make a full report with recommendations to this Conference. Your Joint Committee considered this question of bringing a report and recommendations to you. We tried to come to some conclusion. We are just as we were in 1934, and the S.N.U. in their attitude are just the same as in 1934. Therefore the only thing we can recommend to you is that the M.C. should have a clear decision as to whether they would be justified in accepting Christian Spiritualist Lyceums.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Johnson seconded:

That the Report be accepted. *Carried.*

Mrs. Johnson moved, Mr. Barnett seconded:

That we instruct the Management Committee that they refuse acceptance of Lyceums embodying the word "Christian" in their title.

Mr. Robson moved, and it was agreed

That the motion be now put.

The motion carried with 9 dissentients.

BADGES.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Can a substitute be made from "S.S.S." to the letters "S.P.L."?

Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

That if the letters can be changed to "S.P.L." we accept style B.

Mrs. Mack moved, Mr. Mack seconded:

That we accept Badge A.

Vote for Badge with "S.P.L." 48 votes.

Vote for Badge with monogram. 26 votes.

President: Will those in the minority sink their views and agree to adopt the Badge as the Badge of the Union?

Mr. Mack: I think we ought to give Mr. Keeling the decision that we have made in Conference.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved and it was agreed

That Conference finish business at 5-30 p.m.

President: Mr. Keeling is now here and we give to him the decision of Conference which is that our 'Banner' Editorship be in the hands of the Secretary. We have also passed a vote conveying to Mr. Keeling our appreciation of his work.

Mrs. Paling moved, Mrs. Johnson seconded:

That Miss G. M. Halliday be elected as Guild Leader.

Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Edwards seconded:

That we adopt the remaining reports as they are printed.

Mr. Mack: I oppose that.

The vote was carried with 15 dissentients.

CREDENTIAL REPORT:

Officers 4; Area Representatives 6; Trustees 3; Auditors 2; Guild 1; Manual Revision 1; U.D.C. 1; District Councils 16 (representing 12 D.C.s); Lyceum Delegates 57 (representing 47 Lyceums). Eligible to vote 91. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2; Messenger 1; Total present, 94.

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Robson seconded:

That the Credential Report be accepted. *Carried.*

VOTE OF THANKS.

Mrs. Calway moved, Mr. Johnson seconded:

That we express our thanks to the Southampton people for their hospitality and kindness during the week-end. *Carried.*

Conference closed at 5-30 p.m.

A. MILLS, Secretary.

THE ROTA SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE VISITS.

The attention of the Lyceum District Councils is called to the scheme for the Rota System of Management Committee visits to the various districts.

During the early months of the year the District Councils were asked to signify their willingness or otherwise to the Rota Scheme again being put into operation. We are very pleased that most of the Councils were very willing to take their turn in the System.

The Finance Committee have had the matter in hand and have drafted the following provisional scheme. We ask Councils to realise that it is only a provisional scheme and may be subject to revision, if needed.

To those Councils who have not replied to our request, and who will find their name included in the list, we would say that we have included them with the hope of awakening their interest and getting them to join with us in our scheme. We should appreciate their co-operation.

The scheme of visits suggested is as follows:—

1. Bradford L.D.C.	January, 1936.
2. Coventry L.D.C.	April, 1936.
3. Halifax and Huddersfield.	October, 1936.
4. Manchester and Salford.	January, 1937.
5. Tyneside L.D.C.	April, 1937.
6. Leeds L.D.C.	October, 1937.
7. Nottingham L.D.C.	January, 1938.
8. Liverpool L.D.C.	April, 1938.
9. Teesside L.D.C.	October, 1938.
10. N.E. Cheshire L.D.C.	January, 1939.
11. Bolton L.D.C.	April, 1939.
12. Birmingham L.D.C.	October, 1939.
13. N.E. Lancashire L.D.C.	January, 1940.
14. Sheffield L.D.C.	April, 1940.

In drawing up the foregoing list the Finance Committee have carefully avoided fixing two expensive meetings near together. They have tried to spread the expense of the meetings over the periods so that each year would show approximately a similar amount spent on M.C. Meetings.

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

IN MEMORIAM.

In remembrance of Walter Ball, passed to the Higher Life, July 9th, aged 47 years.

Mr. Ball was Secretary of the Peterborough Lyceum during 1934. A sincere worker, his physical presence will be greatly missed. Mr. H. Berridge, Conductor, conducted the Committal service.

LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Change of Secretary's address.

Kindly note that all future communications must be sent to:— Mr. J. TAYLOR, 13, Ridgfield Street, Failsworth, Manchester.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

We held our Annual Combined Outing at Sutton Park on June 15th. The day was fine and a fairly good number of Lyceumists were present; Smethwick, well represented, Handsworth, Wolverhampton and Stirchley. We hope Walsall, who took no part this year, will be able to join us next year. 87 Lyceumists and friends sat down to tea, after which races for all Lyceumists, which were arranged by Mr. Babb, of Handsworth, with Mr. Weedman, of Wolverhampton, took place. Mrs. Shakespeare, of Stirchley, obtained prizes. Thanks were given to each for services. All Lyceumists took home a prize, which were

distributed by Mr. Frost. Games were played after tea and were enjoyed by all. Another chord has been struck upon the harp of human life, and all you who have taken part are thanked by Angels.

Council meeting was held at Smethwick Church on the 13th July, and was well attended with a good representation of Lyceums. Business was got through very well. Smethwick Church were thanked for hospitality and splendid tea given (which consisted of all home made cakes by one of our Lyceumists), to which full justice was given. Next meeting at Stirchley Church on October 12th.

A. B. BROWN, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Next meeting will be held at Alma St. on Sunday, Sept. 1st, to commence at 10-30 a.m. Business meeting only. Please come in crowds.

G. HALLDAY, Secretary.

N.E. CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

OUR THANKS.

The members of the North East Cheshire L.D.C. express sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Slimin, Pres., Mrs. George, Vice-Pres., Mr. Taylor, Area Rep., Mrs. Mills, Gen. Sec., and Mrs. Dean, also to Mr. E. W. Oaten, Mr. Charnley and Miss Lillian Nutter, and all who helped us to make our Lyceum Demonstration on July 13th a success. We are indebted to Messrs. Wadsworth & Co., our printers, for their prompt attention, and would recommend Lyceums to give them their orders.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

A Garden Party, Entertainment and Flannel Dance in aid of the London Headquarters Fund was held at Brixton British Legion's Headquarters on July 11th.

Mrs. Wesley Adams, in opening the Garden Party, referred to some of her experiences of the early days' work in the London district, congratulating the present workers for their continued efforts. Mrs. and Miss Tiffin, Miss Berry, Miss Ball, the Fulham, Brixton and Clapham Lyceum Troupe of Dancers, together with other artists, gave a much appreciated entertainment, while a good number attended the Flannel Dance.

Congratulations to Mrs. Petz, Social Secretary, and the band of workers who endeavoured to make the effort a success.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Conference held at Lower Oxford St., Castleford, June 29th, 1935.

President, Mr. Wainwright, in the Chair. Invocation by Mr. Spencer. Local welcome given by Mr. Bullham, Castleford, and accepted by President on behalf of Conference.

Credential Report:—Officers 5, Fraternal Delegate 1, Field Day Secretary 1, Leeds D.C. Delegate 1, Associates 4, Delegates 20, representing 12 Lyceums. Total, 32.

In his address the President welcomed all and said he was glad to see so many present. He welcomed our old friend and past D.V., Mr. Spencer, after rather a long spell of sickness and bad luck in injuries received at work. They were to be asked to-day to make a decision in the Silver Bell Progress Scheme. The President believed the Inter-Change of Conductors' Plan was creating some interest and was making progress. The Field Day will also be uppermost in our minds. We must congratulate our Field Day Secretary. The necessary arrangements are now well in hand. The President asked for loyal support to make the Field Day a huge success.

Minutes of last Conference accepted. Correspondence accepted and filed.

Reports, D.V., L.D.C. Field Day Sec., accepted. No Inter-change Reports were sent in.

Treasurer's Report showed a deficit of £2 13s. 2½d.

B.S.L.U. Conference Report was accepted.

S.B. Progress Scheme. Notice of Motion: That the District Visitor be adjudicator for 1935, all expenses to be pooled, and the adjudicator be allowed to express himself if he so desired on the Session. Accepted.

The Sheffield Lyceum Council suggestion that the E.C. of Leeds Lyceum Council and Sheffield Lyceum Council meet to discuss a common purpose and united action in trying to improve our Lyceum Movement educationally, socially, and closer co-operation, etc., is left with the Secretaries to arrange. The Area Representative is to be invited to our next Conference.

The new Lyceum Badge was received with satisfaction.

The next Conference: It was left with Secretary to arrange at Wakefield if possible.

President moved our best thanks be given to our Castleford friends, and our appreciation be placed on record.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DEARNLEY.—Anniversary Service, June 23rd. Mrs. E. H. Rothwell, of Blackpool, was the speaker for the day. A very interesting address both afternoon and evening was given on Lyceum work and Spiritualism as a religion. Speaking of the first Lyceum Demonstration celebrating its Golden Anniversary on May 26th, 1885, she well remembered the time and what a stir it made in the village of Littleborough at that time; her father, and John Harwood, who lent the field, being very old friends.

FLEETWOOD.—23rd Anniversary, Sunday, July 7th. Songs and pearls were given by Lyceumists. Mr. Batley, Conductor. Greetings from Westhoughton, Bury, Liverpool, and Blackpool. 6-30, Mrs. E. H. Rothwell, of Blackpool, gave an address on Lyceum work. A very pleasant day.

LEWISHAM.—On June 23rd we held a Naming Service, Uncle Bert officiating, giving the child, Charles Alan Nicholson, the spirit name, "Comrade of Happiness." Four little sisters formed part of procession.—E. Last.

NORTH LONDON.—June 30th we celebrated our 24th Anniversary Services all day, which were well attended. Afternoon Session, over 60 were present. We were pleased to welcome delegates from Rochester Square, Wortley Hall, L.L.D.C., including Uncle Bert, Mr. Rainbow, and other friends. Mrs. Pulham, our Church President, presented the prizes.

Thanks are due to all who helped to make the day such a success.

July 13th, Annual Outing. About 30 journeyed to Brighton, leaving London Bridge at 7-58 a.m., and returning at 10-30 p.m. As usual we had a glorious day, everyone enjoying the sea.—N. C. Whorlow.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF.—We spent a happy day at Sheerness-on-Sea on July 13th in ideal weather; the sea was like a millpond.

At the London L.D.C. Eloquence Competition Eric Hume won first place.

We received a welcome visit from Hackney Lyceumists on July 7th.—S. F. Thompson, Sec.

AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

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District Council Reports, District Visitors Reports and Lyceum Reports must now be addressed to:—The Editor, "Lyceum Banner"; HOLLINS CHAMBERS, 64a, BRIDGE STREET, MANCHESTER, 3.

ARMLEY, Theaker Lane.—June 27th we held our election of officers. Sunday, July 7th, Mrs. Ward, of Leeds Psycho, conducted an enjoyable Open Session. Thursday, July 11th, a social was held, when two of our Lyceumists presented us with a banner they had made and given. An enjoyable evening was spent.—Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—On July 7th our Lyceum Flower Service was conducted entirely by children. A boy of 10, Master Jim Shuttleworth, made an excellent Chairman, whilst Miss Phyllis Edwards (12) effectively read an address upon "The Flowers." J. and B. Hilton, D. and J. and R. Wright, F. and T. Laycock and M. Shuttleworth recited appropriate pieces, and the whole was interspersed with Lyceum songs rendered by the choir. An outstanding day.—Walter Taylor, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session held July 14th. Conductor, Mrs. Carter. Pearls: James Taylor, Mr. Ashcroft, Joe Aspden, Lillian Ashcroft, Harry Hollinsworth, Kenneth Halstead, Molly Patchett, Mr. Halsall, Dennis Hollinsworth, Mrs. Halsall, Mrs. Carter. Readings: Mr. Halsall, Joe Aspden. Solos: Mrs. Halsall, Molly Patchett, Lillian Ashcroft. Duets: Mr. Halsall and Mr. Ashcroft, Mary McKenna and Lottie Taylor. Quartet: Molly Halsall, Evelyn Aspden, Edna Taylor. Concerted: Bernard Lewis, Douglas Clements, James Taylor, Kenneth Halstead, Mary McKenna, Evelyn Aspden, Molly Halsall, Edna Taylor.—S. Carter, Sec.

BATLEY CARR.—July 7th was our 53rd Anniversary Open Session, with visitors from Batley and Dewsbury Lyceums. Greetings were given to Lyceumists and Guildites. Best wishes to all Lyceums from Batley Carr.—E. Whitelock, Sec.

BRADFORD, Milton.—Open Session July 7th. Songs, recitations, readings, etc., by the Lyceumists. Conductor, Mrs. Fowler. Musical Director, Mrs. Hird. A happy helpful session.—Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

BURY, Princess St.—We held our Open Sessions on July 7th. Mrs. A. Mills conducted. We had visitors from Westhoughton and Birkenhead Lyceums. The readings were well discussed. Recitations by visitor, Ivy Howarth, Margaret Cherry, Edith Taylor. Solos: Connie Cherry, Mrs. Moores, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Mills. Our Lyceum paid a visit to Halifax, Alma St. Lyceum, on Sunday, July 21st, on the occasion of their Anniversary Services.—F. Oseman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.—June 30th was the Lyceum Anniversary. In the morning we paraded the streets, singing our Special Hymns. In the afternoon and evening two services were conducted by Mr. Whittock, C.C., of Glasshoughton. The following children recited: Kenneth, Colin and Gladys Nadin, Marjorie and Winnie Bickham, Kathleen, Terry, May Kidd, Herbert Cockerham, Ronnie and Jeffrey Church, Willie Head, Ruby, Connie and Howard Smith, Violet White, Douglas White, Agnes Cockerham, Hilda Wright. Solos were sung by Ronnie Church, Willie Head, Connie and Ruby Smith, Winnie Bickham, Herbert Cockerham. Instrumentalists: Mr. Flowers, Mr. Sefton (Cellos), Mr. Townend (Trombonist), Mr. Theaker, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Lambert, Miss Joan Cooper, Miss E. Gregory, Miss Friel (Violinists), Mr. W. Cooper, organist, Mr. J. Riches, Musical Conductor. At both services the children delighted the congregation with their Anniversary Hymns, recitations, solos and pearls. The children were trained for recitations by Miss E. Wright, Mrs. Cockerham, Mrs. Riches, Mr. Bickham (Lyceum Conductor).—J. Riches, Sec. (pro. tem.).

CHESTERFIELD.—On July 7th we commenced our Open Session with Hymn No. 334, entitled "The March of Life." Following marching and callisthenics, which were conducted by Mr. E. Hobster, we had individual items from: Marian Orwin, Glyn and Irene Cowell, Mrs. Briggs, Mr. E. Hobster and Mr. Campbell. This enjoyable session was closed with Hymn No. 360, entitled, "Seeds of Promise."—S. Hobster, Session Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—We held our Open Session on July 6th, conducted by Mr. Trout. Invocation by Mrs. Webb. The following Lyceumists took a part to make our session a happy and successful one: L. Middleton, Betty and Brenda Maltby, B. Dunning, A. Ball, B. Smithson, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Maltby. Mr. Cook, area representative, also was with us, giving us much encouragement and advice.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—July 14th, songs and recitations were well given. Recitations, E. Greenhalgh, Tom Bradley, G. Blackburn, E. Clark. Songs: G. Morby, A. Blackburn, K. Hodkinson, G. Blackburn, Mrs. Howarth, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Bradley, N. Hodkinson, Mr. Bradley.—A. G. Morby, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session, July 7th. Solos by Mrs. W. Doswell, F. Pickvance, Mrs. Edwards. Group song by A. Sumner, J. Dowling, W. Taylor, S. Johnson. Trio by M. Pickvance, R. Bagshaw, G. Johnson.—E. Shaw, Sec.

HYDE, George St.—June 30th we held our Open Session. In the evening our new Queen (Miss Mary Wood) was crowned by the retiring Queen (Miss Alice Plevin). Train Bearers were Marian Goodwin and Emily Phillips, Maids of Honour were Vera Dilkes and Florence Taylor, Heralds, George Plevin and Harry Murray, Crown Bearer, Stanley Phillips. A good many visitors and friends were present and enjoyed a splendid day.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LANCASTER (Bulk Road).—Open Session, July 7th. Recitations and songs were rendered by P. Walker, A. Partridge, M. Lake, D. and W. Hunter, M. Dainty, N. Park, and M. Dodd.—A. Stephenson, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Cheetham Hill.—Sunday, June 23rd. Mrs. Gershon gave the name Mary, spirit name, Lily, to the daughter of Mrs. Wedlock. In the evening the Council conducted our Open Session. A well construed session resulted, with good outside representation to swell a meagre attendance.—W. Wedlock, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Rd.—July 7th. Lyceumists gave a Flower Service, conducted by Mr. Nellist. Musical items by Misses Dora and Olga Kent, Doris Hudson, Winnie Bateman, Katie McArthur, Mesdames Harrison, Ingham and Peacock. Readings by Misses Winnie Kent and Dorothy Cartwright. An enjoyable evening was spent with Mrs. C. Lofthouse presiding.—Mr. T. W. Harrison, Sec.