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## INTRODUCING MRS. LILLIE GEORGE

**M**UCH WATER has flowed beneath London Bridge since the birth

of Mrs. L. George, the newly appointed Education Secretary, who, before she was many months old was introduced to the Lyceum. She started life with at least one great advantage. Her mother, Mrs. O'Keef, was not only a good Spiritualist, but also a medium of good repute who appreciated the inestimable value of a Lyceum training. For well over a quarter of a century Mrs. O'Keef has served upon Spiritualist platforms with credit both to herself and the movement, and to this day is one of the most reliable mediums in the Liverpool district.

Such a beginning, although favourable, could not by itself ensure success. It could do no more than provide the conditions in which growth and development might take place.

The memory of those early days has faded with the passage of the years so that the details can no longer be recalled and for their omission we must ask pardon. That the time was well spent and profitably occupied is evidenced by the fact that before Mrs. George attained her majority she was organist for the Spiritualist Church at Daulby Hall, a position which she filled for many years. As a musician she has considerable ability and her knowledge in this connection was used for the benefit of the Lyceum cause, when in 1912 she revised the Spiritual Songster, re-harmonising many of the tunes and lowering the pitch of those which were considered too high for ordinary voices. For this service the Executive Council of the Union expressed their appreciation by presenting her with an inscribed copy of the Songster: a gift which is highly treasured.

Her marriage to Mr. Frank George, as so often happens in such circumstances, caused her removal from Liverpool, so that for a short period her close association with the work of the Liverpool Church and Lyceum was broken. There remained, however, the bond of sympathy which had been so well forged during the years.

The birth of her son saw her back again in her home city and ere long the old threads were gradually gathered together and work in Lyceum and Church resumed. The natural ability of Mrs. George together with her devotion to the Lyceum cause, found room for expression. Her intellectual development tended to give her strong views and definite opinions, and

### THE NEW EDUCATION SECRETARY

although one might disagree one was compelled to give respectful consideration. On the other hand she was always prepared to listen to reasonable argument from others and if necessary put their opinions to the test.

For some years she was Lyceum delegate to the District Council, and later, with some diffidence, she accepted the Office of Council Secretary. In this position she distinguished herself and proved the best Secretary the Council ever had. Her methodical, sympathetic and painstaking handling of the Council's business, together with her initiative and organisation eventually brought her a well merited promotion to the Office of the Council President, a position which she still holds. There are some would wish, however, that she had retained the Secretaryship.

In addition to her Lyceum activities Mrs. George has also been a valuable member of the Church, having served as committee member, Vice-President, and representative to the National Union and the Lancashire District Council.

In spite of her worthiness the recently abandoned area representation system made it seem practically hopeless for her to acquire a national position in the Lyceum Movement. Happily, however, in 1933, she was successful in the ballot and became a member of the Management Committee. In this position she at once made good and the following year was elevated to the Office of Vice-President of the B.S.L.U., which she still holds.

When the "Restoration" Committee was set up she was appointed its Secretary and the choice has been justified by the results already achieved.

There can be little doubt that her long and varied experience of Lyceum work as well as her studies in the Education Schemes of both Unions fit her for her new position as Education Secretary. She brings to it a well trained mind with resource, initiative and enthusiasm. If to these can be added the boon of health it is safe to say that the mantle of her predecessors could hardly have been placed upon better shoulders.



# J. R. PARKER

## ASKS

### WHAT IS WRONG ?

**N**O-ONE can fail to notice that our Movement, in common with other bodies, religious, social and political, is facing a period of trial. Cries of 'Re-organisation,' 'Fusion' and a thousand and one other slogans are heard, and intended to revive interest. I really believe that those who are shouting the loudest know that these palliatives are not able to procure the necessary result. A galaxy of words. And mere words one has heard, and one can hear any-time, anywhere. *But we are doing nothing.*

"I will not cease from Mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword stick in my hand  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land."

It seems almost symbolical of our present day helplessness that Blake's great poem should be regarded as a mere hymn. Such words as these were never intended for music, they are neither supplication, nor appeal, nor even yet a pious hope, however thrilling. They are a challenge, they are words to be thundered, to be wrought and fashioned into facts, that is—unless they are more bombast and hypocrisy.

The diseases we are suffering from are selfishness and mental idleness, and, as for other forms of disease, sugar-coated pills and dope, concocted to suit the palate, are prescribed.

As a critic, I realise my task is easy; as a constructionist, my hardest job is to awaken the dormant brain into activity. The coming generations will point out this age as insincere, as we have challenged other generations. We who claim to be Spiritualists and Lyceumists, have a further responsibility.

We claim to know—something. Are we using this knowledge? The day is rapidly approaching when every member of the community will have to serve in some capacity to build a better state of humanity.

We cannot continue to pretend, and shirk our task. It is no use being stubborn in the belief that our Movement is secure and well abreast of the times. We cannot continue to pretend that our task is merely to usher youth down the flirtuously charming path of intellectuality. We must re-focus our vision to the things of this life. We must enfold—in due order and degree.

What is the object of the spirit world in showing us the immortality of man? I am amazed at the attitude of prominent leaders in the Movement. Have they ever thought of any objective save that of working in conjunction with Mediums at Seances?

The History of the Fox Sisters does not matter to me, nor do A. J. Davis's visions of the Summerland. What does matter is *why* do these numerous

cases of phenomena occur? And are the energies of the Spirit World utilized for the purpose intended?

It could only be an Angel World that would tolerate our stupidity and selfishness.

If your conception of our Movement is that it is a rival to other religious bodies; or to have beautiful Churches filled, congregations listening to speakers and mediums preaching of an idealistic state; or that the Movement should be financially and numerically strong, then I contend that you are wasting your time. The remembrance of the natural law of "Reap as ye sow" brings us to this point of reflection.

What are we sowing? Selfishness, Disease, Poverty, Lust of Power and Authority, and Ignorance. These are still the seeds we continue to sow.

"But" you say, "Human nature has to be taken into account, and that is unchangeable." That is your final word; that is the last shot in your barrel.

But people are very slowly realising that this is not true. The mighty forces and processes of evolution are minutely changing us, and indirectly, changing our associations. Whether they are changing us for the better is a debatable point. The control of these changes is in terms of service. Man must give service to improve the standard of life, so that the future generations will have, not merely a "New Deal" but a "New Pack" and a fair chance of rendering better service.

Only by giving service can Poverty, Disease, Lust of Power, be no longer a torment to humanity. That is the greatest contribution the world can offer to Youth to-day.

The remedy, then, is in our own hands, not our mouths. Take a lesson from slum clearance. New avenues are created—not by those who merely desire them—but by those who build them.

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### PEARLS.

Only the waters which in perfect stillness lie  
Give back an undistorted image to the sky.

Before the eyes of men let duly shine thy light,  
But ever let thy life's best part be out of sight.  
—Archbishop Trench.

Love has power to give in a moment what toil can  
scarcely reach in an age.

—Goethe.

It is easy to be merry when the heart is light, but  
the true philosopher is he who can make sunshine on a  
cloudy day.

Nobody keeps a runaway horse; but many keep a  
runaway temper and think nothing of it.

We cannot all be heroes, and thrill an hemisphere  
With some great daring venture; some deeds that mock  
at fear;

But we can fill a lifetime with kindly acts and true,  
There's always noble service for noble souls to do.

Why waste tears on the records of past years; Look  
ahead. Each day is a new beginning with many  
opportunities if we only grasp them.

# A TRINITY THAT ENSURES SALVATION

*"He that ruleth  
his spirit is greater  
than he that taketh  
a city."*

# SELF-CONTROL SELF-EXAMINATION SELF-EMENDATION

FRANK HEPWORTH, D.N.U.

## Self-control.

**I**T NEEDS NO SPECIALLY GIFTED ORATOR or writer to tell of the bitter consequences of neglect in this direction. Every day we witness evidences of sin and suffering arising from a lack of self-control. The demons of Intemperance and Injustice stalk grimly through our ranks, pouncing upon their weak victims to the utter desolation of homes and the wretched wrecking of domestic and social happiness. He was a close observer of the results of self-forgetfulness, and a wise philosopher, who wrote: "He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." What is it that causes us pain and weariness of spirit, anguish and sadness of soul, unhappiness and despair in the journey of life's experience? Is it the biting frost of a hard winter? Is it the rain-storm or the hail? Is it the long-extended drought or the terrific heat of the Mid-summer Sun? *NO!* It is the spirit of selfishness, crystallized in unkind deeds, in ungentle words. It is the keen desire of revenge born of a lack of self-control, which prompts us to unrighteous deeds and uncharitable actions. These are the hideous influences that cause our cities to reek with shameless vice; that crowd our gambling dens with moral and spiritual wrecks; that fill our "Unions" with the broken remains of Manhood and Womanhood, and blacken a struggling civilization with unsightly gaols and ghastly gibbets—all of which are permissible only through Mankind's lack of self-control—self-examination, and self-emendation.

## Self-examination.

There is not a day passes when we can afford to neglect the moral and spiritual duty of examining ourselves. Thrown, as we are, in daily contact with temptations, both in our social and industrial relationships; surrounded as we are with pitfalls of

moral danger, it is essential that we should *CARRY* the light that is to guide us safely; that we should *possess* the strength that will serve us nobly in the hour of temptation. That Light is conscientious justice:

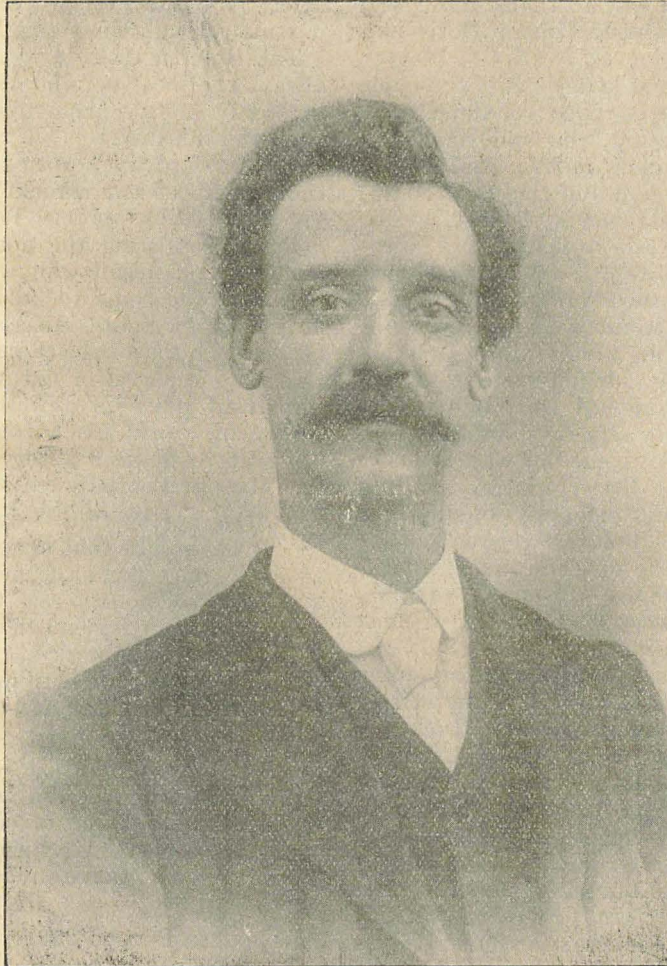
that strength is human love. By the application of these soul-inspiring principles to the needs of the hour, we may erect a moral and Spiritual Mansion within which we may rejoice in a conscientious peace and holy rest.

## Self-emendation.

When we have rightly diagnosed a disease, we lose no time in finding and applying a remedy that shall destroy the disease-germ. So, when we have rightly diagnosed a moral disease under which we are dragging out a painful existence, let us, with equal commendable vigour and determination, apply the remedy that shall remove the moral sores of mankind, leaving us clean, healthy and morally strong. We have discovered the disease. Injustice is a moral curse—killing within us the bloom of hope and righteousness.

Intemperance is a pestilential blot upon humanity wrecking the personality and happiness of millions. Intolerance is a plague, freezing the sympathies of men, ere they can find expression. Lack of charity is a deplorable malaria, drying up the well-springs of human affection and brotherly love.

We have the remedy to hand. In our Lyceum Manual (as in all good books), the basis of moral and spiritual conduct is clearly defined for each of us. Ponder well its teaching. In your workshops and social life forget it not. Weigh well the consequences of neglect with the possible outcome of its application, and when you have thought on it—*ACT*—with every muscle strengthened by right, and every nerve tuned to the harmonies of good fellowship, with every aspiration prompted by the spirit of love until you may be able to realise that your efforts are producing an eternal cumulative interest of human happiness.





My Dear Boys and Girls,

What a lot of things you'll have to tell me when you write this month. I am looking forward to your letters and snaps and would like to thank those who have already sent Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and myself post-cards.

Now instead of sitting in that lovely castle you made on the sands or in the shade of those woodland trees where you enjoyed your pic-nic, you find yourselves again at your desks in the class room. Ah! what a change after those romping games of the past month, but there, never mind, "Whatever is, is best."

Talking about changes, how quickly they come round each year. It was only a few weeks ago that mother was thinking about those pretty little dresses or neat coloured shirts you would wear on your holidays. To-day she is thinking about warmer clothes you will require very shortly. It must surely remind us of the importance of using all the opportunities which come our way, for they slip by so quickly that if we miss them they may not come our way again.

I have heard it said that little girls are made of sugar and spice, and all things nice, boys of slugs and snails and puppy dog tails. I should very much like to meet the person who made up these lines, especially those concerning we boys. I should certainly tell them what I thought about it, I am sure it must have been a girl who wrote it.

Just to make up for such a nasty remark I am going to talk to the boys this month. While I am writing this letter the English and South African Cricketers are preparing for their final Test Match. That, of course, suggests that cricket is nearing its close for another season, then comes football. Football, this is where you boys really do get something of your own; for in these days those girls will come along and try to beat us at our own games, out so far very few have ventured being rolled in the mud, or getting a kick on the shins. Some of them of course are good kickers but they prefer to kick rather than be kicked. We boys cannot exactly blame them for that, can we? but let us just consider a few things about the game. It is many years since I was a footballer myself, so you must forgive me if I make any mistakes about the game.

Let me see, first we want two goal posts, these of course may be the official standard ones, failing these a couple of bundles of coats, or chalked lines on the school wall will answer our purpose.

I must, however, continue with the usual requirements of the games to reach my object lesson for you. Having arranged the goal posts, it would be wise to have a ball. Then, let me see, the ground must be lined out; and we must secure a Referee and two linesmen. The team must consist of "A forward Line, Half-Backs, Backs and Goalkeeper." We must find another Lyceum with a club to come and

play a match with us. There is one thing I have forgotten, we want some supporters. Oh dear! I shall have to withdraw all I said about the girls and invite them to come and yell themselves hoarse shouting "Play up Ginger, etc."

Then we cannot do without the girls after all, but now as to the game.

I wonder who and what are the most important parts of it all, let's try and find out.

The goal post; it is to be hoped that these will be visited by both teams several times during the game, I hope no one side will look upon them as holiday resorts and stay round one end all the afternoon. The ball always has the roughest time, getting kicked here, there and everywhere, and yet through all this it wins through the struggle when well guided.

The Referee assisted by his two linesmen are not always the most popular members, but they keep us in order, endeavouring to keep us from getting off-side and fouling.

The forward line, especially the centre forward, are the leaders of the attack, while the half back line give them full support. The backs of course are good defenders assisting the goalkeeper, while the latter has to keep himself wide awake all the time.

Finally we come to our supporters, who after all are most important. After all this I have not answered the main question I set out to do, no, the reason is that no one player or fixture required can take an all important place in a well constructed team. It is just team work which counts, each one must play his part to make a successful game, but here are a few Manual Football rules to be considered.

- "Be not swift to take offence; Let it pass."
- "The might that nerves the hero's arm Springs from the manly might within."
- "Oh! be not too rash to judge of another, But ever remember that man is your brother."
- "If you're the first a fault to see, Be not the first to make it known."
- "Keep your balance when men praise you."

These are only a few of the rules found in our Manual which, if adopted, will make every game more enjoyable during the coming season. Whether played on a full size ground or on that bit of waste ground round the corner, give them a trial in your first match of the season, "Come on, boys, play up and play the game."

ANSWER TO PUZZLE 221.

Lyceum Song 321 verse 3.

PUZZLE No. 222 Six Football Teams muddled.

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| 1. MNGIIHBRMA.   | 4. PATHOTMUNSO |
| 2. YVTRNECO      | 5. LARAESN     |
| 3. WLEHMTNOOVRPA | 6. RODBETNRF   |

### The Happy Band.

The thought for this month "Cheers." Dickens said "no man can cheer like the Englishman." Let this be as it may, the younger members of our Lyceums will appreciate your support and cheers in all their endeavours. Remember "A merry heart goes all the day, a sad tires in a mile." (Shakespeare).

With love,

Ruberrondo,

126, Woodlands Road,  
Isleworth, Mdx.

UNCLE BERT.

# OUR LYCEUM GUILD

AIMS. To be progressive, To develop ourselves.

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

Dear Guildites,

As this is being written while I am still away on holiday you will have to wait another month for the list of new members, and the financial statement, for all Guild books have been left at home. But these items will be included as usual in the October BANNER.

## Greetings.

Our very best wishes for health, success and happiness in the future to one of our Liverpool guildites—Miss Muriel G. Keeling—who became Mrs. Frank Vaughan on August 3rd, 1935. As her new home is at Woodfields, Nr. Dursley, Gloucestershire, that means a Lyceumist lost to Daulby for the time being. May your new life hold much in store for you, and may you find new interests to replace those you have had to forego!

Then on August 5th, 1935, there was another Guild wedding at Derby. Mr. S. Higginbottom, who is Derby Guild Secretary, very kindly sent me all particulars before the happy day, and I feel I can do no better than quote from his letter. He says:—"I am happy to announce the wedding of Miss Florence Heapy to Mr. George Spence, the ceremony to take place at Charnwood St. National Spiritualist Church, Derby, at 2-30 p.m., on Aug. 5th, 1935. The bride will be given away by her father, and will wear a wreath and veil of ivory satin, and will carry a bouquet of carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss A. Heapy and Miss B. Spence, will both wear pink floral gowns of silk material and will also carry bouquets of pink carnations. I shall have the honour to be the best man. Mr. Annabel, of Belper, will officiate at the ceremony, and the reception will be held at the Cavendish Café, Derby. The bride and bridegroom have bought a house just on the outskirts of Derby and their new address will be Hydesville, Stanley Road, Allenton, Derby. Hydesville is very appropriate, don't you think? We are all so excited, because we can really call it a Guild Wedding—we are all Guild members with the exception of the bride's father, Mr. Heapy. They are a great couple, and are earnest workers, richly deserving all the love and honour which is bestowed on them. The Lyceum has bought for them a beautiful hanging mirror, which I hope will reflect some happy memories for them, in the knowledge that they loved and were loved." Our good wishes to you also—may your future life be full of happiness, and may your united efforts in the Lyceum and Guild bring you life's richest blessing!

If my memory serves me right (and I think it does) Mr. and Mrs. Spence are the third pair of Guildites to be united in marriage. The first to do so were Mr. and Mrs. Nellist, of Middlesbrough, and they were followed by Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruce, of Rotherham,

## Sick Guildites.

Mr. S. Higginbottom has returned home from Skegness feeling much better. We hope you continue to feel well, and do not take any backward steps. Gwen Monks is not so well as she was. Her mother says she has no pains, but just feels helpless and languid. We hope that is a result of the warm weather we have been having, Gwen, and now that it is cooler you will feel better.

I had a letter yesterday telling me that Joyce Hirst, the Guild Secretary at West Melton, had had an accident and is now in "dry dock for repairs." Joyce was walking in the park on Bank Holiday Monday when her ankle gave way and she fell with her leg under her. Result—a fractured tibia. She was given first aid by an ambulance man and taken to hospital, where her leg was set and put in plaster. Now, Joyce is at home with her "pot leg." I am very pleased to know that you were (and still are) so very brave and plucky in spite of the pain; I am proud of you, Joyce. If any of you would like to help Joyce by sending a cheery post-card or message her address is 54, York St., West Melton, Nr. Rotherham, Yorks.

Hilda Wilkinson, also of West Melton Lyceum, has been in hospital with fever; but is now so much better that she is home again. I am sorry you didn't hear from me while you were ill, but I couldn't help that, Hilda. You were home before I heard you were ill, and now that I do know I haven't your address with me. But I hope to have written before you read this in the BANNER.

Mrs. Guy, of Manchester, has had an accident at home. She fell and hurt her leg, and though she tried to carry on as usual she had finally to give in and was compelled to rest. We hope you are much better by the time this is in print.

## Items of Interest.

I have had a letter from Miss Dams, of Calgary, to say that at last she has managed to secure a position as a teacher in a country school. The school is called the Shady Lane School, and is about 150 miles from Calgary. She will have over 40 pupils ranging from beginners to junior high school (six to about sixteen years of age). I am sure you will agree with Miss Dams when she says it is a very hard position for an inexperienced teacher (it is her first post). I am sure you will join with me in sending our best wishes for success when she begins her task on September 3rd.

## To Student Guildites.

Yet a little more patience is required before you receive your examination results. The Education Committee met on July 27th in order to fill in and despatch certificates only to find it couldn't be done as Mr. Shuttleworth had not received all marked papers from examiners. So it is hoped to do it the last week-end in August. Thus you should know what the examiners think of you by the time you read this. May your results be what you deserve.

28, Moorlands Place,  
Free School Lane,  
Halifax.

The Guild Leader,  
GLADYS HALLIDAY,

## OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.**

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

The Education Committee held their meeting at the Union's Office on Saturday and Sunday, July 27th and 28th, 1935. All the appointed members were present. Mr. J. Slimin (Chairman), Mrs. L. George (Secretary), Miss G. Halliday and Mrs. Mills.

Many important items were well discussed, including the desirability or otherwise of any immediate changes in our Education Scheme.

At the 1935 Conference, unfortunately owing to the lack of time, the Education Committee Report to Conference was adopted without the usual opportunity having been given to the delegates of discussing the various suggestions and changes contained therein. In view of this fact, the Education Committee have agreed that at present it would be inadvisable to make any drastic changes, and any which may be made shall be of a temporary nature and considered experimental. It is hoped that next year's Conference will permit of full discussion, and the whole question of revision, alterations, additions, etc., will be seriously tackled with the definite object of building up the whole Education Scheme.

The Conference Education Report was considered in detail and the following decisions were made.

### 1935 EXAMINATIONS. FAILURES. RE-EXAMINATION FOR ALL GRADES.

The committee sympathise with those Candidates who have failed to obtain the necessary marks to merit a pass in the examination taken this year, and also appreciate the disappointed feeling of having to wait twelve months before having the opportunity of sitting again for the same grade. In order that these candidates may not be discouraged and while the prepared knowledge is comparatively fresh in their minds, it has been decided to arrange a second Examination when the failures may sit again for the same Grade. This is to take place during the week-end of DECEMBER 1st, 1935. The same procedure will be adopted as that of the May Examination, but **CANDIDATES' FORMS WILL BE SENT TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES ONLY ON REQUEST.** Will Lyceumists desirous of taking this Examination please notify their Lyceum Secretary in good time. All the names and fees, etc., must reach the Education Secretary not later than NOVEMBER 1st. *This is definitely the final date of entry.*

### 1936 EXAMINATIONS. ALTERATION OF AGES.

The question of the value of "continuity of work" was discussed and the recognition that an unnecessary waiting period between examinations may be detrimental to students who were capable and enthusiastic supporters of the Education Scheme. The consideration of these two points influenced the committee to alter the ages of entry and thereby remove the necessity

of any break in their study. The following has been agreed upon:—

Oral Grade, Junior.

For Lyceumists 8 years and over (at date of Exam.)

Oral Grade, Senior.

For Lyceumists 9 years and over (at date of Exam.)

Grade 1.

For Lyceumists 10 years and over (at date of Exam.)

Grade 2.

For Lyceumists 11 years and over (at date of Exam.)

Grade 3.

For Lyceumists 12 years and over (at date of Exam.)

Grade 4.

For Lyceumists 13 years and over (at date of Exam.)

Grade 5.

For Lyceumists 14 years and over (at date of Exam.)

### ADDITIONAL RECITATIONS AND READINGS.

Many difficulties presented themselves *re* the possibility of doubling the number of recitations and readings in all Grades, but as an experiment for the 1936 Exams. it has been decided to add one Silver Chain Recitation, one Golden Chain Recitation and one Musical Reading to the syllabus of Grade One, Two and Three Examinations.

The results of the 1935 Examinations are not yet to hand, but I am hoping to give a detailed account in the October BANNER.

### SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

**ALL the text books needed for the B.S.L.U. Examinations are supplied from the General Offices, Mrs. George does not stock or sell ANY Handbooks.**

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

For all B.S.L.U. Education Handbooks, copies of Examination Questions, etc., apply to:—

THE GENERAL SECRETARY, B.S.L. Union, Hollins Chambers, 64A, Bridge Street, Deansgate, Manchester.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE** with regard to the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme should be sent (with 1½d. stamped addressed envelope for reply) to:—

MRS. L. GEORGE, 85, Queen's Road, Everton, Liverpool, 6.  
Oral Grade: Mr. J. SLIMIN, 69, Newcastle Road, Sunderland.

## WORLD DAY FOR ANIMALS.

OCTOBER 4TH.

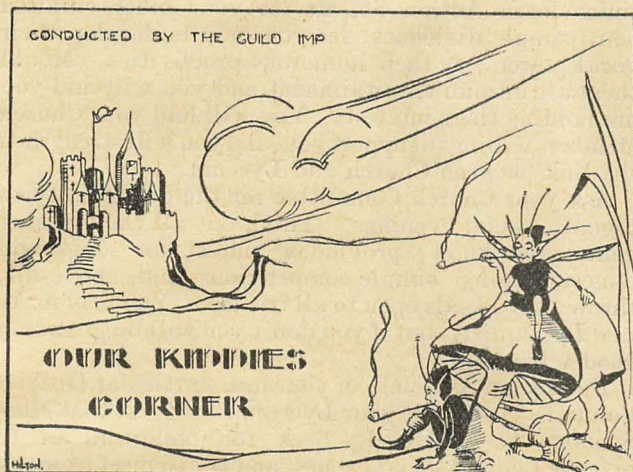
(The day dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi).

The Object of this observance is threefold:—

- (a) To direct *attention* to the wrongs inflicted on animals for Sport, Commerce, Amusement and (so-called) Science.
- (b) To focus *thought* on the speediest means of abolishing such wrongs.
- (c) To inspire *action* on behalf of all suffering animals.

This World Day for Animals was instituted by the World League, against Vivisection and for the Protection of Animals.

We request all lovers of animals who are also members of Lyceums to perform some definite action on October 4th which will further human kindness and consideration for animals.



Dear Little Imps,

I wonder how many pictures the holidays have given to you? Oh! no! I don't mean pictures to hang on the walls, but a much easier kind to collect. I am thinking of all those mind pictures which every day gives to us. Of course, the holiday pictures are the ones which we remember best, because they try to be different from our everyday ones. Have you ever tried sitting quite still, and quiet, and looking at those pictures? I have, and amongst them, I like best one of a shady, bird-haunted wood on a sunny day, one of a fine old castle on a high rock, and one of sea-gulls so cleverly catching bits of bread thrown to them from a steamer. I wonder which are your favourite pictures?

Didn't I tell you that I was going to look for fairies? Woods, old castles, and lovely islands are surely the right places to find them, and I'm almost sure some peeped from all these places. They were there all right, but of course they couldn't come out, because there were too many people about. Now, had I been all alone . . . then, I might have been like

#### THE ALL-ALONE TREE.

The All-alone Tree stood quite, quite, by itself, right in the middle of a field, and across that field went a wind-about footpath. People often walked across the field, but, because the path didn't go very near to it, very few of these bothered at all about the tree. Yet, almost everyone talked about that tree as they passed it, and, almost always, they said the same thing. "How strange for that tree to be all alone. I wonder how it came to be there?" Nobody seemed to know and nobody seemed to care very much.

The tree had stayed there, all alone, for longer than anyone could remember. It was an old Oak tree, and its strong twisted branches only laughed when the winds grew rough in their games. They had sported so often with all sorts of winds that even the strongest gale was not feared by the tree.

The queerest thing about that tree was, that it never knew its own name. It knew all about being an Oak tree, and it knew all about living quite by itself, away from all the other trees, but, it had never, never, heard about being the All-alone Tree.

One day, in early September, some children crossed that field in their way to the woods. They were out nutting and meant to have a jolly time at the game. As they drew near to the tree, one boy, Harold, said, "Let us go to the All-alone Tree. Perhaps that has nuts on it." John said, "Is it a nut tree? I thought it

was just an All alone tree." John was younger than the others, and so they laughed, but they all followed Harold and he up to the All-alone Tree. Now, it was so rare for any visitors to call on the old Oak tree, that it felt quite excited as the boys came up, and waited eagerly to hear them talk.

The boys stood, at last, beneath the wide branches. Everything seemed hushed and still as they stood there, until Bert said, "So this is the All-alone Tree! Why, just look at those acorns. It must be an Oak tree." Ken replied by trying to reach up for the acorns, and, suddenly, the tree became alive. There was a quick flurry of brown fur overhead, and a frightened fluttering of wings all around. The boys stared in silent wonder. The tree wasn't very lonely after all, even though it did live all alone. John was almost certain that a pair of bright eyes peered down at him.

Harold, being oldest, was the first to understand, and he laughed as he called out, "So this is the All-alone Tree. It might stand all alone, but it doesn't seem to live all alone." The old tree rustled its leaves in surprise. What could the boy mean? It was an oak tree, as one boy had been clever enough to see. How could an Oak be an All-alone?

For the first time in all its long life that Oak tree was worried. It gave the boys a few acorns, and soon they went on their way, but that didn't help the tree at all. Until evening brought the little slumber-time winds that tree thought, and thought over its problem. By the time the little winds had arrived the whole tree was alive with the question, "How can an Oak tree be an All-alone tree. The acorn nuts had whispered the question to the squirrels. Not one knew. The squirrels had found such a good home in the tree that they had never even troubled to visit other trees. The squirrels asked the woodpeckers, but the birds were just as ignorant. "How can it be an All-alone tree when I live amongst its branches?" asked the oldest Woodpecker. When those birds were quiet again, a Magpie called at the tree, and it too tried to answer the question. "An All-alone tree?" chattered the Magpie. "How ridiculous! You never are all alone. Boys don't know everything." "I know," sighed the tree, "But why did they call me that?" "Ask the owl when he wakes," snapped the Magpie. "He ought to know." The owl was awakened early that night and he felt quite cross. "Tu-who!" he said, "You are an Oak tree and that is all I know," and he promptly looked out for careless field mice for his supper.

It was just then that the little winds arrived. Never before had they found the tree so upset. "So the boys called you the All-alone tree, did they? laughed the winds. "They did, and I'm an Oak tree" groaned the tree. "I always was an Oak tree and I always shall be an Oak tree, so I can't be an All-alone tree, can I?" The little winds shook every leaf with their laughter as they asked. "Tree, how many more trees are there in this field?" "None, of course," replied the Oak. This is *my* field." "And you live *all alone* in it. No wonder they call you the All-alone tree!" The little birds and the squirrels woke up with the laughter of the winds. Even the old tree smiled as he said, "Isn't that funny? I have so many friends I had forgotten that I lived all alone."

Lots of love, Imps,

MEG.

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## WINTER ACTIVITIES.

SEPTEMBER. "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness." The time when, harvest having been gathered, the fields and the woodlands, the trees and the flowers, fold up their petals and gradually fade away to rest until the Spring comes again with renewed vitality to brighten up a world grown tired of drabness and cold.

So that during the time that nature is recuperating and building up her reserves in readiness for the colourful Spring, we humans have to find our own entertainment. No longer can we find our pleasures in the natural beauties of a countryside clothed in the splendour of flowers and trees. No longer can we spend our leisure hours in the open air, hiking, cycling, basking in the sunshine, or taking part in the innumerable games available when summer is with us.

Now is the time when we must use our own initiative and provide our own amusement. Why not maintain the team spirit that is so essential in so many of our summer pastimes and organise social activities in our own Lyceums?

Why not form a Lyceum Guild Class encouraging the Lyceumists to join our Lyceum Guild, thus strengthening the bonds of Union and making firmer the link of friendship forged in this manner.

The various hobbies of the Lyceumists can be intensified and made more useful. Leaders will be found who will willingly give their services. Appeal to your Church members for their assistance. Ask the Church organist to help in the practising of hymns and anthems. Form a choir. Such a company would surely prove useful to the Church when special services were being held. Ask anyone who is talented in some particular way to help you, and you will find that you will be helped on in your efforts to keep the interest of your Lyceumists.

Why not organise a Concert Party in your Lyceum? "Seek and ye shall find." A Concert Party will bring out the latent talent of your members. Let your

tinies learn Action Songs; let your older children learn simple dialogues; let your adults develop their vocal powers, or their humorous proclivities. Mould them all into an entertainment and you will find you are holding their interest. You will find your Church Members willing to support you, and you will strengthen the link between Church and Lyceum.

Ask your Church Committee for the opportunity to organise social evenings. Think out all the amusing games you know; provide a pianist for songs and dances; arrange simple competitions, and, above all, throw your socials open to all friends. You may make new Lyceumists, but if you don't you will be spreading good-fellowship.

Become an Associate of your own particular District Council. Influence your Lyceum to suggest that Mass Sessions be arranged. Seek for opportunities to arrange Council social events, and try to meet as many Council members as you can, with the intention of becoming a vital force in your own District.

Do anything you may think of to awaken interest and to strengthen the links of good-fellowship. But in your efforts remember always to be tolerant. Do your best to make our Lyceum Union, through your own Lyceum, and your own District Council, more vital, keenly glowing with the strength of purpose being made manifest in all our sections.

And if each Lyceumist will do his or her best to strengthen the bonds of union we shall soon reap the benefit, and by the time the next harvest is in we shall have achieved much, because we shall be living in accord, and the Lyceums forming the Union will be one happy band of good workers, every member being willing to do his best, always remembering that

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

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# A HAPPY OUTING.

LIVERPOOL L.D.C.  
AT  
FRODSHAM.

ON SATURDAY,  
July 20th, the  
Liverpool Lyceum

District Council held an "Outing" at Frodsham, a few miles outside of Liverpool. The weather during the previous week was decidedly wet, but on that day the Gods certainly favoured the Lyceumists, because as soon as they arrived at Frodsham the sun burst forth in all its glory, and except for strong winds the weather was quite good.

A number of Lyceumists met at Frodsham station and courageously climbed a very steep hill, where they joined Runcorn Lyceumists. This climbing evidently made them feel in good form, for as soon as they reached the top, old and young heartily joined in games and races.

The room in which we had tea contained a very mixed element of people. There were Lyceumists, Salvationists, and Church people, and while everybody seemed to be happy, the noise and burr of the voices were indicative of high spirits. Some of those present may have thought that there was need of that much emphasised word in our movement "discipline." It was a little beyond pleasant conversation to help digestion, but, nevertheless, after one or two "good tempered grumbles" tea was enjoyed and everyone survived.

After tea, under the very willing leadership of Mr. Mack, a small party rambled up and down the hills, and despite the fact that the Lyceumists were nearly blown off their feet, despite the fact that hats were blown off, and skirts were caught in barbed wire, requiring Lyceumists to come to the rescue, the rambling continued, and all were happy and invigorated, drinking in the fresh air and sunshine—the "Elixir of Health."

The ramble commenced at the top of Frodsham Hill; after a short walk Fox Hill was reached and then gradually descending, enveloped in beautiful foliage, and at times wild flowers, Helsby was reached. Continuing on the road for a little while, a suitable resting spot was found. After a minimum amount of recuperation, the Lyceumists decided to saunter along and eventually test their endurance by climbing up another very steep part of the hill. It reminded one of the pearl, "Don't look at the hill, climb it!" They certainly did climb it, and were rewarded by a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Jacob's Ladder, made up of a few stone steps, helped them along their way.

The beauty of the ramble was, that owing to the pathways on the hills being so twisted and turned, every few yards revealed a different aspect of the country. The effort of climbing was certainly repaid by the splendid circular view afforded by the particular district, for miles and miles around. The Welsh mountains stood out in all their dignity. The beautiful colouring and harmony prevailing reminded

one of the "Varied Unity" of which our President spoke about in his Greeting.

Lyceums represented were Runcorn, Warrington, Birkenhead, Liverpool, Daulby Hall, and Wigan.

After a very happy day all the Lyceumists went home tired, but all agreed that those who could not, or would not come, missed a very delightful outing.

Unfortunately, so many districts, Liverpool for instance, are so wide spread, that it is difficult for every Lyceumist in the district to attend such outings, but there is no doubt of the benefits derived from them. Our Movement requires something more than we are giving to the Lyceumists during the ordinary session. We have not yet solved the problem, but one way is by gratifying their response to the outdoor appeal. It is healthy, it is good and helps to stimulate an appreciation of nature. It brings us closer to one another, and in that way our Unity is felt. This Unity helps our development physically, mentally, and subsequently must help us spiritually.

L.G.

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## ROOM AT THE TOP.

Never you mind the crowd, lad,  
Or fancy your life won't tell;  
The work is the work for a' that  
To him that doeth well.  
Fancy the world a hill, lad;  
Look where the millions stop;  
You'll find the crowd at the base, lad;  
There's always room at the top.

Courage and faith and patience,  
There's space in the old world yet;  
The better the chance you stand, lad,  
The further along you get.  
Keep your eye on the goal, lad;  
Never despair or drop,  
Be sure your path leads upward,  
There's always room at the top.

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## GERMS PREFERRED.

Though they affirm a deadly germ  
Lurks in the sweetest kiss,  
Let's hope the day is far away  
Of antiseptic bliss.

To sterilise a lady's sigh  
Would simply be outrageous—  
I'd much prefer to humour her  
And let her be contagious.

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Keep virtue's simple path before your eyes; nor  
think from evil, good can ever arise.

The generous heart should scorn a pleasure which  
gives others pain.

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With good luck one can accomplish anything, but  
good luck is just one of the things that cannot be  
arranged for, even by the cleverest people.

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If you cannot help please move on.

## DELEGATES' REPORT OF THE A.G.M. OF THE S.N.U.

The 33rd Annual Conference of the S.N.U. was held in Heaton and Byker National Spiritualists' Church, Newcastle, on Saturday and Sunday, July 6th and 7th, 1935. The chair was taken by the President Mr. J. B. McIndoe. After the usual opening, the B.S.L.U. delegates were invited to the platform.

Mr. J. Slimin, President of the Northern District Council, gave a brief welcome to all the members of the Conference, expressing the hope that the welcome would strengthen the bonds, and also that the spirit of fraternity would be strong amongst us. Mr. Hunter, President of the church, in his welcome, pointed out that the church was built by Spiritualists for Spiritualists.

A letter was read from the Sheriff of Newcastle, stating his regret at not being able to attend the Conference, but assuring us of his regards for our spiritual work.

### President's Address.

Mr. McIndoe said that we owed a debt of gratitude to our arisen Pioneers, who after 33 years of organised Spiritualism still retained their active interest in the movement. He was in touch with some of them and had definite evidence of this. A detailed account was given of the Libel Case against Mr. J. Lewis, and the President was pleased to report that we had gained not only a legal victory, but, which was more important still, a "moral victory." A significant remark of the Lord Chief Justice was "that we were a Religious Organisation and entitled to fair play." This remark emphasised the necessity of asking our M.P.'s to support our Bill and obtain a definite reply from them.

The danger of the Commercialisation of Mediumship and the undesirable publicity of unsuitable adverts was touched upon, also the question of how far the moral conduct of our mediums concerns us as a movement, when they are workers on the platform. Much discussion followed the Address and hearty thanks were given to the President.

### Interim Report.

This report showed that the financial aspect was good and no loss was anticipated for next year. The question of Christian Hymns being added to the present Hymn Book was discussed but this was not very favourably received by many. The President suggested that the Council would not published Christian Spiritualist Hymns without the consent of Conference.

There are 501 affiliated churches, 354 subscribing members, 392 District Council Associates, and 129 Joint Trusts. It has been decided by the Council that a registration fee of 5s. shall be requested on all new Joint Trusts and in future no Trustee shall hold more than 12 Trusteeships. The Building Pool has £1,549 to meet fresh advances.

### The Healing Bill.

The General Secretary pointed out that almost every clause in this Bill would prevent spiritual healing, but he did not think that the Bill would carry as it stands.

### Officers' Reports.

Much discussion took place on the Plebiscite Vote, and regardless of the legal opinion published in the report, many delegates were dissatisfied with the method of procedure concerning the vote. Eventually it was carried by 58 votes for and 30 against, that the Officers' Report be referred back.

### Exponents' Committee Report.

Two long speakers' Diplomas have been withdrawn and all classes except A, normal speaker, have been revised.

### Executive Council Report.

The question of the reservation of the services of mediums was brought forward, the Council presenting a plan whereby all engagements of certain mediums approved by the S.N.U. should be booked only through the S.N.U., the D.C.'s or the Groups. A resolution "that the Medium's Scheme be approved and put into operation" was carried.

### Notices of Motion.

No. 1. "That the necessary steps be taken with a view to creating the rule that every Spiritualist Church or Society affiliated to the Union, shall exhibit in a prominent position at every meeting, a copy of the Seven Principles of Spiritualism, such copy to be printed in bold type on substantial card and to be provided by the Union who shall either sell or give (whichever may be deemed desirable) a copy to each Church or Society as occasion may demand. S. N. U. Office at 1/- each.

While the Conference were in favour of the spirit of the motion, it was pointed out that in some cases where church rooms were rented, the exhibition of this card would not be permitted, so it was decided to amend the motion to the effect "that the exhibition of the Seven Principles be left to the discretion of each church." Copies may be had from the S.N.U., Office at 1/- each.

No. 2. "That Annual Church Return Form shall show the annual Church subscription by each Church member to the Church and such other information as may be required from time to time by the Council of the Union." National Council.

Points raised in favour of this motion were: That the Office should be made aware of as much as possible of the doings of its constituent members; a suspicion in some cases that inaccurate returns are made. Points against the motion included the suggestion that the Council were not justified in pressing the latter half of the motion. The following amendment was carried by 65 votes for and 40 against: "That the words from 'and such other' to the end be deleted."

No. 3. This Conference approves the system of Credential Cards instituted by the Council. It resolves that on page 4 of the Bye-laws governing the Constitution of the Churches the word commencing at line 24, "A copy of such balance sheet" and ending on line 28 "audited," be deleted and replaced by the following words: "that until all outstanding and

current fees have been paid, duplicate Return Forms properly filled in and duplicate copies of audited Statements of Annual Accounts have been received by the Union" Credential Cards shall not be issued. National Council.

In answer to a question as to whether this was a legal point that the Union could demand this copy, and whether it would not be sufficient that each Church return to the S.N.U. a certified statement that the Accounts had been audited and found correct, it was stated that the directors of any limited company had the right to see that its departments were being carried out in a proper manner. The motion was carried by 41 votes for and 21 against.

No. 4. "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 Organization." National Council.

This motion was moved by Mr. M. Barbanell and seconded by Mrs. Calway. An amendment was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Keeling, "that all words after 'aim' be deleted."

Points stressed in favour of the motion: The good of the movement as a whole, and not sectional; disputes arose because of having two separate movements; finance will not stand the strain of two movements; and the failure of the Inter-Relations Scheme.

Points in favour of the amendment: The advisability of meeting the spirit of the B.S.L.U. as expressed in their recent motion, also pointing out that the B.S.L.U. took strong exception to the last part of the resolution; the B.S.L.U. point of view should be appreciated; suggestion of a strong committee to deal with Lyceum work; direct representation of Lyceums on the District Council E.C.; an Annual Conference for Lyceum matters; friendly negotiations more likely to succeed than pistols and if these fail, then the latter could be carried out.

The majority of the delegates spoke in favour of the amendment. Eventually the motion was withdrawn and the amendment carried unanimously.

The Election of Officers was as follows: President, Mr. J. B. McIndoe; Vice-President, Mr. J. Slimin; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Stewart.

The 1936 Conference will be held at Bournemouth. After a hearty vote of thanks to retiring Officers and E.C. and special thanks to the local friends the Conference was closed.

The subject for discussion at the Consultative Conference was "What is wrong with organised Spiritualism?" Mr. Barbanell very ably presented the subject, and after many questions and interesting discussion very cleverly summed it up.

Delegates: L. GEORGE.  
A. E. FRUIN.

There is nothing so kingly as kindness,  
And nothing so royal as truth.

## EDUCATION.

“THE FIRST AND  
favourite amusement of a child.  
by  
L. JOHNSON.

even before it begins to play, is that of imitating the works of man. It builds houses with cards and sticks; it navigates the little ocean of a bowl of water with a paper boat; or dams the stream of a gutter, and contrives something which it calls a mill; and it interests itself in the fate of its works with a care that resembles affection. It afterwards goes to school, where its genius is killed by the barren study of a dead language, and the philosopher is lost in the linguist."

Thus writes Thomas Paine in 1790, and thinking men have been writing or saying much the same thing ever since children were sent to school and their thinking powers destroyed by those very people who were supposed to develop them.

Our Lyceum system, while it is a long way in front of orthodoxy, is by no means perfect; and often my heart aches for the tinies, falling asleep while some prosy adult is boring away at an uninteresting theme. Often I wonder if the sunshine outside would not be more beneficial to them. Consider this description of a class in the Summerland as described in R. L. Lees "The Life Elysian," "by an apparently magical process I was altogether unprepared for, she held within her hands a variety of other grasses from which she drew comparison and contrasts; the coarsest and meanest of which she called attention to as a representative specimen of grasses to be found on earth, the others were from different stages of the higher life. Every inquiry from the children was answered by a simple and forceful parable setting forth the truth she wished to fix upon the memory, and she lingered with almost too leisurely patience that her lesson might be clearly comprehended. . . . After the explanation came the demonstration. The teacher laid the grasses aside, and bidding the children watch her empty and extended hand, we saw, with equal interest and surprise, a blade of grass, the exact counterpart of the one upon which her discourse had been based, slowly form before our eyes. When the experiment was complete the original was laid side by side with the created specimen for our careful examination, when the one was found to be equally perfect with the other.

"The session was not over yet. It was now the duty of each child to make what effort it could to duplicate that of its tutor, and this, to me, was not the least interesting part of the experience. One by one they were called in turn to the side of their instructor, who encouraged and explained as necessary, then watched the result of those first attempts at creation. Many were total failures, others produced something—enough to astonish and encourage further efforts, and one made a very creditable success as to form but in colour and detail much was left to be desired.

"Congratulations and commendations now followed, causes of failure were pointed out as only to be expected, certainty of success was generously promised, and the teacher went on to explain that perfection is only

(Continued on page 145).

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## A POEM WITH A POINT.

Only a pin, yet it calmly lay  
On the tufted floor in the light of day;  
And it shone serenely fair and bright,  
Reflecting back the noonday light.

Only a boy; yet he saw that pin,  
And his face assumed a fiendish grin;  
He stooped for a while with look intent,  
Till he and the pin alike were bent.

Only a chair; but upon it's seat  
A well bent pin found safe retreat,  
Nor had the keenest eye discerned  
That heavenward its point was turned.

Only a man; but he chanced  
to drop  
Upon that chair, when,  
fizz—bang—pop!  
He leaped like a cork out  
of a bottle  
And opened out wide his  
valve de throttle.

Only a yell; though an  
honest one,  
It lacked the element of fun;  
And boy and man, and pin  
and chair,  
In wild confusion mingled  
there.

## RIDDLE-ME-REE.

At what time was Adam  
married?\*

Upon his wedding Eve.

Why is Buckingham Palace  
the cheapest piece of  
property in England?  
Because it was bought for  
a crown., and is kept  
by a sovereign.

Why is a person in bed like a book unbound?  
Because he is in sheets.

Teacher: What is a secret?

Pupil: Something somebody tells everybody else in a  
whisper.

Small Boy: Dad what is a Committee?

Father: A Committee, sonny, is a body that keeps  
minutes and wastes hours.

## HEARD THIS ONE?

Billy: I'm playing truant with my correspondence  
school to-night.

Eddie: How are you doing that?

Billy: I am sending them an empty envelope.

Author: I sent you an article on 'Milk' containing  
500 words, but you have only printed it as 250  
words.

Editor: Well you see, it was condensed.

How can you ask a man if he is ill in four letters?  
(R U C D—Are you seedy?—)

Cannibal Chief: What was your job in your own country?

Shipwrecked Sailor: An  
Editor.

Cannibal Chief: Then after  
dinner you will be an  
editor-in-chief.

Shopkeeper: And what can  
I do for you?

Paddy: I want some twisted  
paint for barber poles.

Jack: Dad, I'm going to  
be a detective, can you  
suggest a good disguise?

Dad: Yes, wash your face.


Angler: Yes the fish was too  
small to bother with,  
so I got two men to  
throw it back.

## A VERY SMALL CAT WITH A VERY BIG PURR.

I have a little kitty cat,  
I'm very fond of her;  
And oh! for such a tiny puss,  
She has the biggest purr.  
When snuggled down upon  
my lap,  
Or in an easy chair,  
She purrs so loud, you'd  
really think,

Three cats were purring there.  
And, when old winter comes along,  
And snowy weather brings,  
I listen to wee Toddlekins  
And dream of summer things.  
Of birds up-flying from the fields  
Of grain, with rush and whirr,  
Of brown-winged bees a-talking to  
The flow'rs with pleasant berr,  
Of rills and brooklets tumbling down  
The hills with merry stir;  
All these I dream of as I stroke  
The pretty, soft grey fur  
Of toddlekins, that small, small cat  
With such a great big purr.


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CAN YOU READ THIS?

The answer will be given next month.

## N.E. CHESHIRE L.D.C. DEMONSTRATION AT HYDE.

## THE PLATFORM.



*By courtesy of the "North Cheshire Herald and Hyde Reporter."*

## OUR RESTORATION FUND.

*(Continued from page 143).*

To all Lyceumists,

I am very pleased to acknowledge a further donation from Daulby Hall Lyceum, per Mr. C. W. Dixon, of £2 11s. 7d. Although this is my own Lyceum I think we can congratulate all those who have helped to realise this sum, and appreciate their very loyal support of the B.S.L.U.

It is surprising what revitalisation takes place amongst Lyceumists when a definite object is set out for accomplishment. The planning and working together helps the initiative of old and young, and this brings a development which is in itself a sufficient reward. Any service or little sacrifice becomes a "pleasure" instead of a "duty."

May I again urge all Lyceums to do their best towards keeping the Restoration Fund alive. Please do not leave all the work to a few willing Lyceums.

It would be gratifying to know that at least some Lyceums who can afford and have the opportunity are making efforts to continue their donations.

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

LILLIE GEORGE,  
Hon. Secretary.

to be attained by study and the acquisition of knowledge, and the lesson ended by an arrangement to carry the subject farther on the next occasion, at the prospect of which the children were highly delighted."

I fully realise that I am pointing the ideal, but we in the Lyceum movement must be in the van. Had we the fixed purpose, the tenacity and the faith of the Pioneers, these ideals could be translated into actuality; and whilst we might not attain an educational system such as above, we could so transform our methods that the child, developing its own inner powers, would be true to itself, not a mass produced article. "In short, education would simply respond to the necessity of our nature, which requires that the human being should live and grow, and aspire toward all perfection."

It is useless thinking out clever ideas unless we carry them out.

The only way to find out how far you can go is by going.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR EDITOR,

At the B.S.L.U. Conference at Southampton it was stressed by our worthy President that the continued drop in the number of Lyceumists had to be stopped.

The Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council at their following meeting (i.e. after Conference) decided to try and combat the canker in its own area. Several suggestions were put forward, and, after a great deal of discussion, it was agreed that we, as a council, endeavoured to cater for the social side as well as the religious. With this end in view a committee was appointed to deal with, and arrange social events to keep together our present members and with a view to attracting others with events outside the Sunday activities.

The Committee are at the moment working on a few of the possibilities such as, cycling, hiking, debating, visiting places of local standing, interest, educationally and otherwise, and historical.

This is a step in the right direction, as it is universally recognised that activities other than religious are required if we are to keep alive our Movement.

This committee is appealing to all Lyceumists to help and appeals to any person and/or persons in the whole of the country to help them with any suggestions that will keep alive interest.

When the D.C. arranges a cycle run or a hike, if any members of any Lyceum in surrounding districts would like to co-operate, please write to the secretary of the committee, and, if possible, arrangements will be made for all parties to meet at a given point and join in healthy recreation.

In the interests of the movement we appeal to you.

75, Newton St.,  
Gorton, Manchester.

Yours sincerely  
H. BATTLE,  
Secretary.

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From the mint two bright pennies came,  
The value and beauty of both the same;  
One slipped from the hand, and fell to the ground,  
Then rolled out of sight, and could not be found.  
The other was passed by many a hand,  
Through many a change, through many a land:  
For temple dues paid, now used in the mart,  
Now bestowed on the poor by a pitying heart.  
At length it so happened, as years went round,  
That the long-lost, unused coin was found.  
Filthy and black, its inscription destroyed  
Through rusting peacefully unemployed;  
Whilst the well-worked coin was bright and clear  
Through active service year by year:  
For the brightest are those who live for duty—  
Rust more than rubbing will tarnish beauty.

—TALMUD.

## GOLDEN WEDDING.

We offer, on behalf of Lyceumists everywhere, our sincere congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepworth, of 312, Hornley Street, Bury, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

Mr. Hepworth probably holds the record for the number of years he has been a platform worker in the Spiritualist Movement, and Mrs. Hepworth is a daughter of Mr. Armitage, and one of the first members of the Batley Carr Lyceum, formed by our own Dad Kitson.

Long life and good health to the happy pair.

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

Our D.V., Mr. G. Spence, was married on August Bank Holiday Monday, to Miss F. Heapy, a lifelong Lyceumist, at Charnwood Street Spiritualist Church. The officiating minister was Jack Annable, of Belper.

The Bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white satin dress, with coronet and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations.

Pink floral dresses with crepe hats to match were worn by the two bridesmaids, Miss Amy Heapy and Miss Beatrice Spence. They carried sheaves of pink carnations.

The D.V.'s new address is: Mr. G. Spence, "Hydesville," Stanley Road, Allenton, Derby.

## IN MEMORIAM.

ENTWISTLE.—Sweet and treasured memories of our Dear Mother and Wife, who passed to the Higher Life Sept. 9th, 1934.

Yes, her form we sometimes see,  
She attends and guards our way,  
Till we join her company  
In the fields of heavenly day.

From her loving Husband, Mr. O. Entwistle, and Daughter, Gladys.

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS ON TEES-SIDE.

The first event in the Tees-side L.D.C.'s Silver Jubilee Celebrations occurred at Durham City on August Bank Holiday Monday, when a Field Day and Demonstration were held. The procession was marshalled by Mr. E. Farnsworth at the Shire Hall, Old Elvet, and headed by the Executive Committee, moved off shortly after 10-30 a.m. Following the E.C. were the Esh Winning Colliery Band, Southbank, Grangetown, Hetton (Tyneside D.C.), West Hartlepool (Charles St.), West Hartlepool (Musgrave St.), Easington Colliery, Durham, Crook and Middlesbrough (Grange Rd. and North Ormesby Mission) Lyceums.

After lunch the Massed Lyceums gave a Demonstration of Marching (Maze and Semi-circle) and Callisthenics (1st Series), the Esh Band again supplying the necessary music. Mr. J. Slimin, A.N.S.C., President of the Lyceum Union, addressed the gathering.

The Sports following the Demonstration resulted in 19 Tiny Tots under 5 all being Winners.

*Boys' Flat Races.*

Ages 5—7: Allen Chape (North Ormesby); John Pierson (Middlesbrough); Allen Henderson (Easington).

Ages 8—11: Hugh Simpson (Crook); Andrew Tait (Hetton); Reggie Dobson (South Bank).

Ages 12—15: H. Hewitson (West Hartlepool); J. Proctor (West Hartlepool); H. Hall (Hetton).

Ages 16—19: Thomas Harrison (Middlesbrough); Frank Hudson (Middlesbrough). 2 runners only.

Age 20 and over: Mr. Robinson (North Ormesby); Mr. Peacock (Middlesbrough); Mr. Sutherland (Easington).

*Boys' Three Legged Race (All ages):*

Ronald Storey and Harold Hale (Hetton).

*Girls' Flat Races:*

Ages 5—7: Betty Ditchburn (North Ormesby); Nora Lambert (North Ormesby); Jean Laight (Easington).

Ages 8—11: Olga Hatch (West Hartlepool); Barbara Turton (Hetton).

Ages 12—15: Rene College (Hetton); Nora Hicks (Middlesbrough); Nance Pierson (Middlesbrough).

Ages 16—19: Doris Hudson (Middlesbrough); Winnie Kent (Middlesbrough); Katie McArthur (Middlesbrough). 3 runners only.

Age 20 and over: Miss Dora Kent (Middlesbrough); Mrs. Godfrey (West Hartlepool); Miss D. Cartwright (Middlesbrough).

*Girls' Egg and Spoon Race (All ages).*

Nance Pierson (Middlesbrough)  
Doreen Welsh (West Hartlepool).

*Wheel Barrow Race (Mixed):*

John and Nance Pierson (Middlesbrough).

Amongst the gathering were discovered friends from Willington, Sunderland and Leeds. The Local Secretary (Mr. E. Farnsworth) and his committee of willing workers are deserving of the highest praise for the very excellent arrangements which made this event possible. Indeed apart from a few grumbles of a minor nature the event passed off very smoothly, harmoniously and enjoyably. Three Lyceums in the District were not present or represented. We are now looking forward to an equally successful Jubilee Supper to be held in the Horden Church on Saturday, 26th October, 1935.

#### CROWNING CEREMONY AT HOLLINWOOD.

On Saturday, August 17th, we had our crowning of the Rose Queen and Garden Party, with the attendance of the Werneth Silver Band. The procession proceeded from the school to our recreation ground, where the ceremony took place. Owing to the inability of Mrs. Sellars, Mrs. Fairbotham officiated; in a very able and efficient manner she crowned Miss May Preston second Rose Queen of Byrom Street, Hollinwood. In her speech she first spoke of the roses saying that roses always delight those who see them. Then she spoke of the queen, saying it was a queen's duty to be kind, gentle and considerate to all, and she hoped that May (our queen) would always have in her mind a vision of the roses, so that it would create in her a desire to be as the rose in so far that she too would bring joy and delight to those about her.

Both the queens looked very pretty and were charmingly gowned. The retiring queen was clad in white satin with a blue velvet train, she carried a bouquet of pale pink roses, and her train bearers and attendants were in mauve. Carrying a bouquet of deep red roses the new queen wore a dress of white lace and silver tissue with red velvet train; her attendants were in pale lemon. Four little girls whose ages ranged from 3 to 5 carried Victorian posies.

Thanking Mrs. Fairbotham for the interesting manner in which she performed the ceremony, Miss Alice Barber presented her with a bouquet of pink carnations, while Clement Roberts gave a cream rose buttonhole to Mr. Bayliffe, who presided. To mark the opening and the closing of the ceremony the Lyceum songs "Seeds of Promise" and "Open the door for the children" were sung.

We were favoured with good weather throughout the afternoon, but owing to rain in the early part of

the evening the remainder of the programme finished in school.

Sunday, Aug. 18th, Lyceum Open Session. Two naming ceremonies took place at the afternoon session. Mrs. Garlick, of Rochdale, naming the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Barber, Jean, spirit name Daisy, and Bryan, spirit name Earnest.

Greetings were given from six Lyceums which brought to an end a very enjoyable and successful session.  
J. FAIRBOTHAM, Sec.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

#### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

Quarterly meeting held 3rd August at Ashton, the President, Mrs. Edwards, in the Chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Mrs. Springate gave the financial statement for the quarter. Balance in hand £5 7s. 0d.

Report of Demonstration given by the Secretary. Very pleasing feature was the meeting of old friends and along with the success was the fact that we cleared all expenditure and had a balance of £7 7s. 1d. Following this we agreed to set up a Committee to visit Churches, etc. and make strenuous efforts to open new Lyceums. That being the aim and object of the Demonstration, to delay too long will be to lose effect.

Mr. J. Taylor, Area Representative, was a most welcome visitor, and he spoke on Fusion; Fraternal relationships between Councils; and a number of questions in hand with the M.C. Several asked Mr. Taylor questions and were very well pleased with replies. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Taylor.

We considered the question of inviting the Manchester and Salford, the Bolton, and South East Lancashire Councils to join in a Sports Day at Belle Vue, or other suitable venue in 1936, but it was resolved to refer to Lyceums who are to report as early as possible to the Secretary.

It was an interesting meeting, with promise of more good work to be done in the very near future. We are determined to open new Lyceums. Greetings to all.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Sec.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

Our meeting at Wombwell on August 18th will go down in the memory of those who were present as a really successful meeting. Besides being well attended and getting through a large volume of business in an efficient manner the continued presence of our spirit Friends was felt throughout the whole day.

Council gave approval to the E.C.'s suggestion that all Lyceums be invited to send representatives to Parkgate on September 29th to form a Conference Organising Committee. We wish to make the 1936 B.S.L.U. Conference a historic occasion and therefore every Lyceum must send delegates. The E.C. reiterated their policy of assisting any Lyceum needing any help; a note to the Secretary will suffice. The support of Lyceums will make the M.C. meetings at Darnall on Oct. 13th; a circular will be sent giving all final arrangements for the Massed Session. Sales of LYCEUM BANNERS could be considerably improved if the Officers of every Lyceum took a copy.

The principle of meeting the Leeds D.C. E.C. for purposes of co-operation was approved.

A lucid report of the Southampton Conference was given by Mr. A. Bruce.  
JAMES LE NOURY, Secretary.

### SPECIAL REPORTS.

BLACKPOOL.—Sunday, August 11th, we held our Open Session, Conductor Mr. F. Carter. Recitations were given at both Sessions by our young Lyceumists, Edith Connor, Eileen Long, Eunice Hough, Arthur Connor, Peter Connor, Frank Howarth, Kenneth Howarth. Piano Solos were excellently rendered by our young Lyceumist Peggy Wilde. Solo by our late Conductor Mr. R. Singleton. Duets by Mrs. Seddon and Mrs. Walsh. Evening Session: Monologue by Mrs. Pickles; Elocutionist: Miss Wild; Pianoforte Duet by Novello Bates and Albert Bates. A splendid time for all. Greetings from visiting Lyceums.—E. H. ROTHWELL, Secretary.

PORTSMOUTH.—July 28th, Lyceum Anniversary. Good congregations attended to support the work done by the children and the harmony existing between Church and Lyceum was intensified by the day's services.

Mrs. Chambers was the Conductor, and Miss A. Hesp, of Leeds, was the speaker. In the afternoon Peggy Taylor recited a specially composed Welcome, and presented a bouquet of prize carnations to Miss Hesp. The bouquet was to be sent to Miss Hesp's Mother.

The children conducted the readings at each Session.

Visitors from Cowes, Ryde (Newport St.), Southampton and Croydon contributed items and exchanged greetings. 25 of the children rendered solos, recitations and musical items. Our oldest Lyceumist (74) read an appropriate poem. Congratulations were showered upon Mrs. Chambers, the Conductor, and her Secretary, Mrs. Moule.—J. McF.

## AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

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**BACUP.**—Open Session, Aug. 4th, Conductor Mrs. Carter. Marching and Callisthenics. Pearls: Gladys Holmes, Mr. Turner, Mr. Halsall. Readings: Mr. Turner, Gladys Holmes. Duets: Mr. Halsall, Mr. Ashcroft. On Saturday, Aug. 10th, we held our Field Day and Sports. We had a good attendance and plenty of enjoyment. A very good day was spent.—S. Carter, Sec.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—August 4th: The Service was conducted by Mr. John Thompson, President of the Church. The naming ceremony of James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, was performed by the Conductor. Our sincere wishes for a happy future for James. May he become an ardent Lyceumist! Pearls and recitations were well rendered. Three First Prizes won by Birkenhead Lyceumists in the recent Eisteddfod were presented to the recipients. All enjoyed the Annual Picnic, which was again celebrated by a visit to the Dales at Barnston. The President of the Stoke-on-Trent Lyceum District Council, and a very old Lyceumist, paid us a visit on August 11th. We are glad to welcome all visitors.—Reg. Robb, Sec.

**BLACKBURN.** St. Peter St.—On Sat., Aug 3rd, we held a Lyceum trip to Bracewell Hall, near Gisburn. About 25 Lyceumists attended, and were met on arrival by friends from Barnoldswick Lyceum. Sports, etc., were organised, following an enjoyable tea in the Hall. A day well spent in the open air and sunshine.—S. Lightbown, Sec.

**BRADFORD,** Laisterdyke.—Open Session, August 4th, somewhat depeted by Holiday Season, but nevertheless a good response was given. We extend greetings to everyone.—F. Babbs, Sec.

**BRADFORD,** Milton.—Open Session, August 4th. Songs, recitations, readings, by the Lyceumists, each member taking part. A bright, instructive Session. Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

**CHESTER.**—We held our Lyceum Anniversary on July 21st. Recitations and solos were given by the children in the afternoon and evening. Mrs. Cain gave an address on "Sowing the Seed in the Children." We enjoyed a happy and successful day.—L. Evans, Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—On August 4th we held our Open Session. Mr. Heath conducted. The session commenced with Opening Hymn No. 375, entitled "We all might do good." Mr. E. Hobster conducted Marching and Callisthenics. Individual items were given by Mervyn, Glyn and Irene Cowell, Joan Rippon, Betty Holmes, Shirley Widdowson and Irene Hobster. The Session closed with Hymn No. 349, entitled, "Gentle Words."—S. Hobster, Sess. Sec.

**COWES,** Isle of Wight.—On Wednesday, August 14th, the Cowes Lyceum were entertained by their Conductor (Mrs. Dibble) at her beautiful bungalow situated in country surroundings just outside Newport. Some 15 Lyceumists spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Amongst the party were Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, who was a great asset to the happy gathering, the children calling him Uncle Ben. Needless to say he was a very popular entertainer. Mrs. Bostock, the Treasurer of the Cowes National Church, and also Mrs. Gifford, better known as Mrs. Hayward, mother of the Conductor, were amongst the party.—E. M. Bostock.

**DONCASTER,** Catherine St. Lyceum.—We held our Open Session August 4th, conducted by Mr. Trant. Albert Ball gave the invocation. The following Lyceumists took part: Miss Johnson, Mrs. Ball, Betty Seot ing, M. Taylor, B. Dunning, D. Dunning. May Chalmers from Moss Side Lyceum gave us the greetings. We spent a nice time together.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EARBY,** Greenend Avenue.—Aug. 11th, songs and recitations were well given by: Recitations, E. Greenhalgh, E. Clarke, E. Cryer; Songs, G. Morby, G. Blackburn, K. Hodgkinson, N. Hodgkinson, G. Blackburn, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Howarth. The Session was enjoyed by all.—A. G. Morby, Sec.

**GOLDTHORPE.**—Aug. 5th. Lyceum Field Day held in field kindly lent through Mrs. Hays. Children and adults spent a joyous day. The following won prizes:—Alfred Gent, Francis McGreavy, Redvers Battersby, and Mr. Illingworth. A happy ending was provided by Mr. Smith (Cond.) bringing us all back in the lorry.—A. Illingworth, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD.**—On July 28th we held our Flower Sessions, the following taking part to make it a success:—S. Johnson, W. Whittle, J. Dowling, A. Sumner, L. Main, R. Heaton, G. Johnson, R. Bagshaw, M. Pickvance, E. Shaw, F. Pickvance, Mr. Deaken, Mrs. H. Doswell, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. Aspden, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cooke.—E. Shaw, Sec.

**HORWICH.**—We held our Open Session on Aug. 4th. It was well attended by young and old Lyceumists. Solos and recitations were well rendered, and in the evening the Lyceum gave a Service of Song entitled "A Word in Season." A very enjoyable day was spent.—E. A. Vernon, Sec.

**LONDON,** Walthamstow.—July 14th. Mr. R. Woolfstein outlined a scheme for a Lyceum Peace Organisation. He afterwards answered questions. The session was well enjoyed.—E. A. Whiter.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—A number of interesting events this month. First, the school treat on July 27th, when we went to a farm at Bollington. All had a good time with games, races, etc. The ladies provided tea, which, needless to say, disappeared quickly. All tired out after a happy time.

On July 28th, two of the young Lyceumists presented red roses to the grandson of Mrs. Goodwin, one of our Church Committee, on his naming by Lyceum Secretary.

Aug. 6th. In honour of the 21st birthday of Miss P. Swindells, the Lyceum and Gym. had a Social. She is the Guardian and one of the leaders of the Gym. A lovely glass trinket set was presented to her (from the children and friends) by Miss Hulley, who was thanked by Miss Kenyon and Joyce Potts. Recitals, Dances, etc., with Drill, made a very pleasant evening. Refreshments were provided and served by Mrs. Challinor, Mrs. Holland, and Mrs. McLeary.

On Sunday, 12th, we had Lyceum Visitor, Mr. Cartwright, with friends from Hyde. He made a few encouraging remarks and said how much he had enjoyed the session.—H. Rushton, Sec.

**MANCHESTER,** Cheetham Hill.—Sunday, August 11th. Another Open Session marred by non-attendance of Lyceumists. Nevertheless a splendid session, with other Lyceums joining in to further the efforts of Mr. Robinson, Conductor, and Mr. Bancroft, Marching Leader. Cheetham Hill children, please attend your Lyceum.—W. Wedlock, Sec.

**MIDDLESBROUGH,** Grange Road.—Monday, Aug. 5th, was our trip day and the Council's Silver Jubilee held at Durham. 104 Middlesbrough Lyceumists attending, had a very enjoyable day, including Council sports and our sports, in which there were some keen finishes. Thanks go to all who helped to make such a successful time.—T. W. Harrison, Sec.

**PRESTON,** Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session, August 4th, conducted by Mr. Holt, the following children rendering recitations, H. Kilner, C. Tallon, and Mavis Holt. A very happy Session.—B. Nickolaus, Sec.

**ROYSTON,** Carlton Road.—We held our Open Session on July 28th. Mr. Wainwright conducted the services. Recitations were said by the children. Solos and pearls by the adults. We had a good gathering, about 40 sat down to tea.—Mrs. Waugh, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD,** Heeley, Woodseats.—On 6th Aug. we had our Annual Outing and our Lyceumists visited Southport, where they spent a very enjoyable time. We are now having rambles every Saturday afternoon, and are very pleased to include our Conductor and his family in our party, and many pleasant hours are spent in the country each week.—V. Spooner, Sec.