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# MAN—KNOW THYSELF

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Of all the perplexing problems confronting the mind of man it is doubtful whether there are any greater than the problems of his own existence, nature, and destiny. To some people man is the grandest product and the greatest triumph of animate nature, the apex of all evolutionary processes, the flower of divinity embodied for a short time within the folds of matter that by experience he may learn the lessons of life and thus fit himself to participate in life on higher realms of being. On the other hand there are many people, who, from a narrow and superficial study of man and the universe, conclude that man is a puny victim of circumstances and forces which he is powerless to control, a mere automaton impelled along by pre-determined forces to an inevitable and inexorable fate. It is obvious that these two points of view are diametrically opposed and mutually incompatible. Which, therefore, is the truer? What are we?

When we come to analyse this question we find that it is but a variant of many unanswerable questions which we habitually feel constrained to ask, such as What is life? What is mind? What is man, and countless others. Whatever answer we give to these questions must of necessity, in our limited state of knowledge, be but partial answers. It is impossible to arrive at final conclusions for the existence of final conclusions would involve the possession of all knowledge, while the possession of all knowledge would imply the end of all progress. Nevertheless it is very important that we should occasionally propound such questions and generally review and analyse our conception of man's nature, for it is obvious that our ideas and beliefs on these matters have a profound effect upon our lives and conduct, on the shaping and moulding of our character, and the unfolding of the great future lying before us.

This is a truth which has been recognised by thinkers and sages throughout the ages. Several centuries before the Christian era the old Greek philosophers inscribed over the portico of the Delphic Temple the maxim, "Man, Know Thyself."

Coming nearer to our own times, Alexander Pope, a poet and thinker of the deepest insight, embodied the highest wisdom in the couplet:

"Presume not God to scan

The proper study of mankind is man."

What are we? Are we but the sum total of our physical reactions, mere automatons resulting from the interaction of matter and energy, destined to bloom for a brief day only to be eventually snuffed out

like the candle's flame, mere fleeting shadows whose ultimate destiny is annihilation and extinction? Or are we spiritual beings functioning through a physical organism and using it as an instrument in order that we may come into harmonious attunement with our physical environment? Are we immortal spirits, children of the All Wise Father, destined to bloom and grow eternally, to unfold and develop spiritual qualities, graces, powers and attributes, by the increasing practice of the good, the true, and the beautiful, and thus ascend to higher spheres of life and being? These are some of the questions which agitate the minds of all thinking men and women.

Where can we turn for an answer to our questions which will not only satisfy the inexpressible longings of the heart, but also the imperative demands of the intellect. Man is a very complex being, there are many aspects of his nature. It is natural then that man should be studied from various points of view.

For instance, the physiologist is primarily concerned with the many processes and functions operative within the body. The anatomist studies its structural arrangement, while the psychologist strives to understand something of the mystery of consciousness and mental processes, and the interaction between mind and bodily organism. The geologist from his study of the fossil contents of rocks reveals something of the great antiquity of man, while the anthropologist unfolds a fascinating story of man's ascent from crude and primitive beginnings. An enchanting story of the growth and development of societies, customs and laws, and the gradual emergence of religions, ethical codes and moral philosophies. Within comparatively recent years we have seen the birth of a new science which promises to throw considerable light upon the true nature of man. Spiritualism and Psychical Research are as yet still in their infancy, yet they have already made notable contributions which enable us to understand ourselves better than we did hitherto. Now if we really desire to know ourselves it is essential that we should give serious consideration to the various contributions given by all these different types of thinkers so that our conclusions will harmonise with the general body of established knowledge, physical, biological, psychological and spiritual.

To-day it is generally conceded by intelligent people that evolution is a law of life. The present is the child of the past and the parent of the future. The multitudes of different life forms inhabiting our earth have somehow evolved from more primitive and

simpler life forms. The evolutionist traces the backward history of man through the lower animals, the anthropoids, reptiles, fishes, to the first faint stirrings of the primitive protoplasmic speck floating in silurian seas, thus revealing something of the triumphant march of life from the simple reflex movements of the primitive cell to the highest manifestations of mind and the soul-stirring achievements of genius.

It is an interesting and significant fact that Prof. A. R. Wallace, the co-discoverer with Charles Darwin, of the evolutionary theory, believed that the dynamic power underlying all evolutionary change was psychic or soul power. That adaptation and variation, the machinery of evolution, were evidences of the manifestation of directive, purposive mind, pervading the whole realm of animate nature.

A. J. Davis expresses something like the same idea when he affirms that the external form registers the point of evolution reached by the indwelling life.

It is notable also, that reasoning from different data the late Dr. Geley arrived at the conclusion that proximate cause of variation and mutation is Sub-conscious Mind. We live, and move, and have our being in the midst of an infinite energy and Immanent Mind. The whole realm of nature manifests this purposive energy. It is inherent in every blade of grass, in the song of the birds, the instinct of the bee and every form of vegetable and animal life. Chemically we are related to the atoms and molecules of the material world, physiologically we are related to the animal kingdom, yet mentally and spiritually we are just a little lower than the angels. It is in the consideration of the highest aspect of man, that is, the mental and spiritual aspect, that we shall find the knowledge which will lead us to a better understanding of ourselves. As Mr. Tinker says in the No. 2 Handbook, "I must be measured by my soul—the Mind's stature of the man."

Man is a self conscious being, indeed, it is this attribute, self consciousness, which most clearly differentiates man from the lower animal kingdom.

Our own consciousness is the most real thing of which we are aware, the world of sound, form and colour in which we dwell, the multifarious changing phenomena occurring around us, are only known to us by means of mental processes and the functioning of consciousness.

In spite of this the materialist would have us dismiss consciousness as merely epiphenomenal, and ascribe it to physiological changes in the brain and nervous system. It is true that on earth consciousness requires a channel or instrument for its expression and manifestation and that this is provided by the bodily organism, particularly the brain and sensory organs.

We also know that the material particles constituting our body, brain, and sensory organs are swept away and renewed approximately every seven years. Our physical bodies are subject to the two-fold processes of waste and repair, activity and recuperation, construction and destruction, the atoms of our bodies are continually wearing away, while others are being built into the wonderful structure, until in a few years a completely new body is created, in which is preserved the general outline of form and feature.

In spite of all the remarkable chemico-physiological

changes we still retain a vivid consciousness of our own personal identity persisting continuously throughout these changes.

For instance, the physical body which I use in order to write these words is entirely different in every particle, than the physical body which I used ten or twelve years ago, yet I am conscious that I am still the same individual, claiming the same personal identity, and I possess vivid memories of those previous years. Now if this be so, it cannot be rationally claimed that human personality and consciousness are the results of bodily reactions to external things, although it is of course true that the manifestation of consciousness is considerably modified and affected in its modes of operation, by such interaction of bodily organism and environment.

When we come to consider our mental life we find that it consists of a continuous procession of mental states no two of which are exactly alike, yet the whole is fused into one individual personal identity which we call the "I," the self, or the Ego. Human personality is not a vague mass of loose ideas, thoughts, sensations and feelings, there is something lying in the background of our consciousness which co-ordinates and correlates our sensory, emotional and mental states. This controlling and unifying principle is the real man, the thinker, the spirit.

The more we study the phenomena of the mind, the more we begin to realise how ignorant we really are, and how much more there is for us yet to learn. When the average individual uses the terms mind and consciousness he usually means the normal stream of our mental life.

An analysis of many of the super-normal mental phenomena revealed by spiritualistic and psychical research has forced the view that our normal mental life is only a very small fragment of our consciousness. Parallel with our normal mental life there is below the threshold a vast realm of sub-conscious activity, a subliminal region which is the seat of the emotions, the storehouse of memory, and the controller of all our involuntary physiological processes and functions.

We are each one of us the recipients of a vast number of impressions which the changing phenomena of the outside world it constantly raining upon us. Out of this multitude of sensations and impressions there are many which the conscious mind does not perceive either because they are too numerous or too weak to penetrate our normal consciousness, or because the attention of the ego is attracted and held by other trains of thought. For instance we concentrate our attention upon those things which have a particular interest for us, yet while doing so numerous impressions impinge upon us of which we are not normally conscious. It is important to remember that all of these impressions whether they be conscious or sub-conscious leave their mark upon us, for although we cannot recall them at will, they occasionally emerge in a fragmentary and disconnected manner as in hypnosis, crystal gazing and somnambulism.

Under the stress of great emotion, or in particular states such as the self induced or hypnotic trance the subliminal mind occasionally displaces the objective mind, sometimes to such an extent as to constitute a distinct secondary personality.

*(To be concluded next month).*

# THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PAGE.

## OCTOBER, 1935.

The M.C. page of the BANNER was originated to supply information concerning the activities of the M.C. that may be deemed of interest to Lyceumists: to stimulate interest in the "National" outlook of our Movement by keeping a closer touch between the various units of our Union.

It naturally follows that the greater the activity of the M.C. the more there will be to relate in the BANNER page and vice versa.

This month's page is going to be hard to fill, and at a first glance that statement may appear to be a confession of lack of activity on the part of your M.C. members. Actually there is no confession in it, if by 'confession' we imply an admission of failure to do that which should be done.

The M.C. only does the work assigned to it. If it did more its members would be accused, and rightly so, of interference in matters that do not concern them.

The point that apparently needs stressing is that there is evidently a need of a greater sense of discrimination throughout the Movement between the things that are really of National importance and those that are of a purely local significance.

Dare it be suggested, then, that an unemployed M.C. is a sign, either of a body of self-centred units, or an idle Movement?

Care must be exercised or reminders will be forthcoming that this page is intended for the portrayal of happenings and not for the expression of personal opinions. It should be brought to the notice of the Movement in general, however, that you cannot or should not, expect a President's ruling on "What action should be taken 'against' an adult Lyceumist who refuses, on principle, to clasp his hands or bow his head during the Invocation." Neither should the M.C. be asked to tell you—"How you should deal with the members of a family who regularly pass the door of one Lyceum in order to attend another."

There are matters of moment, however, that are having the consideration and attention of the M.C. and will be again brought to notice in the reports presented to the October meeting.

### SALES.

These do not come up to last year's standard and that, of course, means a drop in income. Perhaps a reason can be found for this in the exceptionally fine Summer of this year, together with the increased facilities that have everywhere been provided for

holiday making. It is hoped that Lyceumists will bring back to the Autumn and Winter Sessions a store of renewed energy and zeal that will find its outlet in increased activity in our Lyceums and a consequent need for a re-stocking of the cupboards, or other receptacles, where Lyceum literature is stored.

### BADGES.

When ordering the first supply of badges the Finance Committee, acting for the M.C., exercised a certain amount of caution. Whilst the sales of the new badge to date do not show that caution to have been entirely unnecessary, there has been quite a good response to the Committee's appeal for prompt ordering on the part of Lyceums. Nevertheless, there are still districts where the new badge has not yet appeared and we even hear of Lyceumists who are not aware that a new style of badge has been adopted.

### ROTA SYSTEM OF M.C. MEETINGS.

The news concerning the "Rota" is encouraging. Already the next District Council on the list has fixed the venue for the January meeting and we hope that an invitation for the April meeting will be forthcoming before the M.C. meet in October.

Reverting to matters of general interest, it is pleasing to note that the Tees-side District Council is celebrating its Jubilee this year. Our congratulations and good wishes are tendered to them, together with our commendation on their 'spreading' their celebration over all their District work and not merely confining it to one particular Jubilee function.

We wonder how many Lyceumists can say that they have read the Lyceum Manual carefully from cover to cover? Not out of bravado or merely to say it has been done, but as a labour of love for the Lyceum Cause.

Mr. J. E. Hart, of Manchester, can not only say that he has read every word, but that he has examined each letter, every punctuation mark and checked over all grammatical errors.

All this and more is included in the laborious undertaking of 'proofing' for a re-print of the Manual which Mr. Hart has lately completed. Only those with some knowledge of the work can appreciate the many hours of tedious, irksome toil involved in such an undertaking and the sincere thanks of the M.C. are extended to Mr. Hart for his valuable effort.

On behalf of the M.C.,

J. SLIMIN, President.

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### VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL.

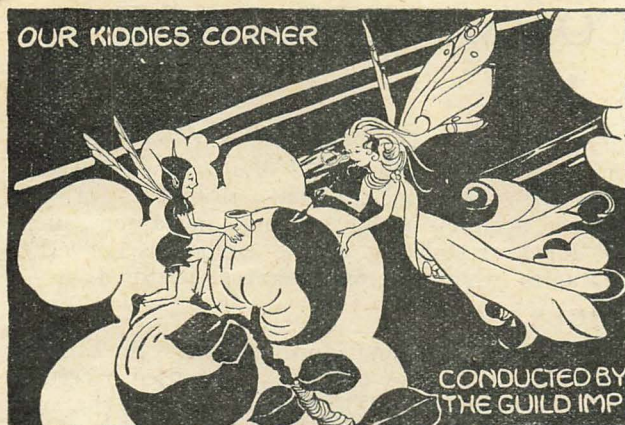
PLEASE NOTE: On and after October 6th, the Lyceum Session will commence at 2-0 p.m. instead of 9-30 a.m.

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. F. R. COOK, Area C. Representative,  
22, Netherfield Lane,  
Parkgate,  
Nr. Rotherham, Yorks.

HAVE YOU GOT  
YOUR NEW  
**LYCEUM BADGE?**  
IF NOT? WHY NOT?



Dear Little Imps,

Autumn certainly has come in with a flourish, and a whole fanfare of wind instruments. The wind seems quite determined to make a clean sweep of the country. Isn't it odd? Just when the wind must think he is tidying up the world beautifully, *we* are watching him whirl papers anywhere and everywhere in the streets. In gardens and on farms, he must have almost stripped the trees bare of leaves as well as fruits, so that people, willy-nilly, have just had to gather in the harvest whilst there was yet any harvest to gather. I wonder if the wind dislikes illuminations? I know of several places where poor town councillors must be almost sure that he does—for he seems to enjoy destroying theirs. And that brings us to our story.

### FAIRY LIGHTS.

For days, workmen had been busy with ladders, and all sorts of tools. Strange pieces of wood suddenly grew up in the streets, arches spanned the roads, and very mysterious looking frames began to adorn high walls. "Hammer! hammer! hammer!" went the men as they toiled on this strange work. Soon huge coils of black tubing were seen and this too was woven in odd patterns amongst the woodwork. People stood about idly watching the workmen and wondered aloud as to what new patterns might be in the making.

All the grown-up folk were quite sure as to what it was all about. They had watched these preparations in other years. The little ones were not so sure and watched the workmen with awe. It was easy for men and women to talk about "Illuminations," but what might illuminations be?

That was the problem that worried Leslie and Enid as they gazed at the strange work. The children were too young to look up hard words in the dictionary, and the older people were not a bit helpful.

They watched pretty little glass balls being put into place, and then the excitement grew, for people began to talk of names that belonged to children, and not grown-ups. It was wonderful to hear quite old people say "There's 'Jack and Jill'" or "Look at Humpty Dumpty" just as tho' these Nursery Rhyme folks were actually there. Leslie and Enid grew more cheerful about that hard word. After all, "Illuminations" couldn't be so very dreadful, if they brought in all the fascinating people of Rhymeland. The shore and the shops lost their attraction, and the two children were quite content to watch the preparations.

At last there came a day when Mother and Dad said, "It's early to bed tonight, you two, for to-

morrow you shall stay up late to see the illuminations." There wasn't a grumble when bed-time came that night, though both of the children seemed too excited to sleep much. Morning came to bring a bright cheerful day, and it seemed as though the stations would never tire of emptying crowds of people into the streets. The thought of the illuminations grew much more exciting when Leslie and his sister understood that they would stay up late and mix with this big crowd of people.

Just before eight o'clock the children went down to the promenade, and holding tightly to their parents, wandered amongst the people there. It was impossible for all four to keep together so Dad took charge of Enid, whilst Leslie had to play the man to his mother. Then, after a sudden hush there arose from thousands of throats a chorus of "Oh!" as, in some wonderful way, thousands of lovely coloured lights suddenly shone in the darkness. People forgot there were stars in the heavens as they watched these countless gleaming lights. Leslie was too thrilled to speak for a time, and then he said, "So these are the illuminations! Are not they great, Mum? Fancy all the wood and black piping suddenly making anything so pretty as these." Enid was much more delighted, and her delight grew as, walking slowly along, Dad showed her one after another of her Nursery Rhyme friends. Here as part of the illuminations, they were much better than as pictures in books, for they could move. Jack Horner did eat his pie, and the Three Blind Mice scurried away from the Farmer's Wife. Further along they saw Mother Goose and Hickory Dickory Dock. Leslie kept talking about the fine things up on the walls, the moving aeroplanes and the rainbow fountains in the gardens, whilst Mum admired the baskets of flowers that swung across the roads.

Two very tired children crept to bed that night, yet not too tired to want to-morrow night to come quickly so that again they might see the illuminations. All the next morning the children argued about what the illuminations really might be. Leslie feeling very learned, kept saying that it was only electricity, but Enid knew much better than that. All the wonder of the illuminations could only come from fairy lights. On that point she was quite sure. They appealed to Mum and Dad, but even they weren't really helpful. Dad agreed with Leslie, so of course, Mum agreed with Enid, and so both children were still quite sure that each was right.

After two nights of illuminations Mr. Wind decided to join in the fun. He waited until everybody except the policemen and the cats were in bed, and then he played havoc as he howled and raged around the town. He swung in the baskets of flowers till they fell in the roadway. He tore lovely lights from the walls and scattered glass and splintered wood everywhere. It was a sorry display of illuminations that remained for the following night despite hard work by the workmen. When the lights did go on, Enid gave a whoop of delight, for amongst all the spoilt illuminations, everyone of her Nursery Rhyme friends remained sound and whole. "That just shows!" she cried, "My fairy lights weren't hurt by the wind." Leslie only snorted as he muttered something about electricity—and so, Imps, I suppose they are arguing yet. Now which one is right?

Lots of love,  
MEG.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

In considering what I should write to you about this month my mind goes back to when I was a little boy, I have been thinking of some of the games I used to play and of those things I used to do for amusement. I do not think it would be wise for me to let you into all my secrets, but there is one thing which stands out in my mind; that was of some of the collections I use to make. One of these was a wonderful collection of match box covers; these I used to soak off and paste them into a book. Another was taking down the numbers of Railway Engines and their types, and of course the collection of cigarette pictures.

To-day I find many of you still doing much the same things, especially the latter; while some of you collect foreign stamps.

There is yet another very popular collection much sought after to-day, both by boys and girls, that is autographs. While the main idea of this is to get the signature of our friends and people we meet, it has extended to their writing verses in our books.

I am always having these books given to me to write or paint something in, and at the present time I have four in front of me.

There is something very beautiful about collecting both snap-shots and autographs. It is the personal touch, for as we look at them we relive for a time in the company of those in the photograph or with those who have signed their names in our books.

This month then I am going to take the liberty of taking from these books some messages which I hope will be helpful and some perhaps amusing.

One usually finds on the last page "By hook or by crook I'll be last in your book" but here is one I think perhaps some of you would like to learn to say.

ILLUMINATING.

You've no need to light a night-light  
 On a light night like to-night;  
 For a night-light's a slight light  
 And to-night's a night that's light;  
 When a night's light like to-night's light  
 It is really not quite right,  
 To light night lights with their slight lights  
 On a light night like to-night.

That of course will let a friend of mine see that I am making good use of her album while it is in my keeping.

Then we get another good old standard which reads like this: "When on this book you smile, When on this book you frown, Think of the one who spoilt it, by writing upside down." Of course, I think the writer means the writing is upside down, and not that he was upside down when he wrote, but one never knows in these modern days. Then I get something entirely for girls.

"Be good sweet maid and let who would be clever,

So making life and that vast forever,  
 One grand sweet song."

That is wise counsel for girls. While here is a fine lesson for us all, not only to learn, but to endeavour to put into practice.

Life is a test, give of your best,  
 Fight with your back to the wall.  
 Never say die, laugh and don't cry,  
 Get up again if you fall.  
 Help where you can women or men,  
 Stranger or lame dog or friend.

If only we could do this we should not only make our chums happier, but we should gain happiness ourselves.

Now to conclude I will take a thought from Cousin Doris' Album which has a fine collection of thoughts from most of the leading Lyceum workers.

GIFTS.

"May these be yours, the gifts that make dreamers into doers, the gift to work through joy and sorrow, light or murk. To play with all your mind and heart a womanly part. The gift of discontent, to keep you driving forward, onward and up for ever, striving for something better in the days hereafter: of love and faith and friends, of justice and of truth, and in your heart until life's journey ends, the priceless gift of youth. Hope that inspires and courage that endures may all these gifts be yours."— Alfred Kitson, 1926.

I will leave you to work out the lessons contained in these thoughts yourselves, but I do hope if you have an Album you will treasure it, for whatever quality its covers may be, the pages within are made golden by the memory of its writers. In like manner the snaps many of you have sent me create happiness and enable me to get in closer touch with you than I should be able to do otherwise.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE No. 222.

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| 1. Birmingham.    | 4. Southampton. |
| 2. Coventry.      | 5. Arsenal.     |
| 3. Wolverhampton. | 6. Brentford.   |

PUZZLE No. 223.

Part of a verse with missing consonants from the Manual.

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 ·O· / ··E· / ··EE· / ··E· / ·EA·  
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 ·I· / A / ··I·E / I·A·

The Happy Band.

In the "Progressive Thinker of America" in the Lyceum Department. Amongst a number of good hints for Lyceums I read "Do not make the Lyceum Service too Solemn." Our new badge should avoid us from falling into this trap. A relation of mine seeing it on Auntie Ruth's coat asked "Does that stand for "See People Laugh." While I do not desire to belittle its proper title, I think this definition provides us with a noble endeavour.

If we can remove the sadness and sorrow from those who are passing through the trials of life we shall do something worthy of our noble Cause.

This month I am looking forward to meeting the boys and girls of Sheffield.

Ruberrondo,  
 126, Woodlands Road,  
 Ingleworth, Middy

With love,  
 UNCLE BERT.

## B.S.L.U. EDUCATION SECTION. EXAMINERS' COMMENTS

All marked Examination Papers and Certificates have been despatched from the General Office and should be in the hands of the Secretaries concerned.

If any Lyceum Secretary has not received theirs, please write the Education Secretary *at once*.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS. COMPARISON OF FIGURES.

District Council.	1934		1935	
	No. of Lyceums.	No. of Entries.	No. of Lyceums.	No. of Entries.
Birmingham	2	15	—	—
Bolton	2	27	2	26
Bradford	1	11	—	—
Coventry	1	3	1	6
Halifax & Huddersfield	1	5	—	—
Leeds	5	40	5	56
Liverpool	5	43	5	49
London	13	117	15	124
Manchester & Salford	7	41	8	43
N.E. Cheshire.	1	15	1	9
N.E. Lancashire	5	29	5	35
Nottingham	2	14	4	22
Scottish	1	3	1	7
Sheffield	2	17	3	13
Southern Counties	5	62	3	51
S.E. Lancashire	2	9	1	2
South Wales	1	12	2	41
Tees-Side	4	29	6	72
Tyne-Side	4	31	5	26
Overseas	1	8	1	9
	65	531	68	591

The above comparison of figures shows a slight increase of entries this year, but three District Councils, Birmingham, Bradford, and Halifax and Huddersfield, did not enter any candidates.

### 1936 EXAMINATIONS.

A special letter has been sent to all District Councils appealing for their support. The District Visitor, by getting into direct touch with the Lyceums, can play a great part in helping to increase the number of entries next year.

### DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE.

The heartiest congratulations of the Education Committee are extended to the following Grade V students who have obtained 70% marks or over. They are eligible to apply for the A.N.S.C. Degree, but these letters can *not* be used until this honour is conferred upon them by the College. Please fill in the Application Form and send direct to the College Secretary, Miss G. M. Halliday, 28, Moorlands Place, Free School Lane, Halifax.

### 1935 EXAMINATIONS.

#### GRADE V. PASSES:

G. A. Watkins, Batley Carr Lyceum.  
R. Robb, Birkenhead Lyceum.  
Mrs. V. M. Harding, Bristol Lyceum.  
Mrs. A. E. Rushton, Calgary Lyceum.  
S. Brocklebank, Darwen Lyceum.

A. M. Cherriman, Derby Lyceum.  
Francis C. Petz, Fulham Lyceum.  
E. L. Chiplin, Hackney Lyceum.  
J. Lindsay, New Malden Lyceum.  
E. M. Irons, Warrington Lyceum.  
A. J. Porter, Peckham Lyceum.

### EXAMINERS' COMMENTS.

#### GRADE I.

On the whole the candidates betray a lack of knowledge on "Essential" points in Handbook subjects and in G.C.R. No. 139. The story of the Fox family is graphically told, but the bearing it had on the "founding of modern Spiritualism" is ignored.

There is a clearer understanding of the questions, but the children don't know the work. Good tutorship is lacking. It is necessary to emphasise the importance of learning the actual "facts" concerning Hydesville, A. Kitson and A. J. Davis.

No. 5, Part A. (Children in Spirit Life) was answered by 19 of the 20 candidates, and the second part which asks for a knowledge of Lyceum meaning and teaching was generally missed.

#### GRADE II.

On the whole there is an improvement in the standard of this year's papers, but still a lack of study is noticeable on the part of the Students, and lack of instruction on the part of the Tutors.

#### GRADE III.

The general standard is rather poor. An important fault is the failure to read *carefully* the questions set and to fully understand what is asked for.

Six papers have given the *Principles* of Spiritualism instead of the *Teachings* of Spiritualism.

Most children show lack of instruction.

#### GRADE IV.

The biggest difficulty still is the planning of lessons, and writing notes for addresses—several of the candidates seem unable to get down to the child mind, when planning lessons for Grade I pupils.

Most of those who have just managed to pass, depended for their success on the Programme question—though this has not been so well done, on the whole, this year as previously.

Several students have failed to state the theme of their Session and have not clearly set out their Manual Selections. The tendency is to explain the meaning of each item, rather than to show how they fit into the session.

There is some difficulty in writing the Invocation and Benediction. More instructions in the composition of these is desirable. Several students failed to connect them with the theme chosen for their Programme.

Further practice in the compiling of notes seems to be a necessity. Explanations are given rather than a concise statement of the points to be spoken of.

#### GRADE V.

*No. 1. Paper:* Papers on the whole are very good. Still a lack of understanding the questions. Want of clarity in expression has lost marks. Need of more practice in writing.

*No. 2 Paper:* There is a need of an "understanding" Tutor who would first try to explain that a question

means what it says "literally" and must not be twisted into a different thing altogether. Some students do not seem to know how to tackle a question, or even what study means.

When the Lyceumists commence their winter studies for the Examinations, may I suggest that the Tutors carefully read the Examiner's Comments, discussing and explaining the important points, so that the Candidates may be prevented from losing marks on those respective points.

It is very obvious that insufficient explanation and instruction is given to the Candidates. It would well repay all Tutors to fully prepare themselves beforehand, by re-reading the Handbooks and concentrating upon the special difficulties which need most attention. I have heard it said, "that it is easy to pass the B.S.L.U. Examinations." This may or may not be true, but it is certainly *not easy* to obtain a commendable percentage of marks, and this is what every student should be encouraged to work for.

In preparation for the 1936 Examinations may we rely upon the Tutors themselves becoming as efficient as possible, in order that a high percentage of marks may be gained by the students.

LILLIE GEORGE,  
B.S.L.U. Education Secretary.

**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.

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There are still a few Lyceums that have not yet sent any money for sale of flowers. May I suggest that Secretaries please forward whatever amount has been collected (if any) as soon as possible.

In response to the appeal for a weekly collection in aid of the fund, I am pleased to know that at least one Lyceum has not relaxed its efforts.

What about Lyceums commencing an effort for the Lyceum and Restoration Funds, proceeds to be equally divided? Please think about it, and let your thoughts mature into action.

Heartiest greetings to all,  
LILLIE GEORGE.

**SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION.**

**FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.**

**28th Annual Appeal.**

Again the time has come to make the Annual Appeal on behalf of the old workers.

Without this Appeal we could do little, for year by year the work grows larger, more money is needed, and our old workers are rapidly advancing to that stage where a little help from the Fund is a blessing. A goodly number of them are in receipt of the old age pension, and with a small grant from the Fund are able to enjoy their latter days by their own fireside, a privilege which every Britisher values, for his home is his castle, and these old workers are worthy of our help and sympathy.

Whatever measure of religious freedom we enjoy to-day is largely due to their labours in the past, and I feel sure you will not be lacking in doing your part to help the Fund for another year's work.

The pensioners watch with interest the response to this Annual Appeal, and their letters of gratitude and appreciation for the help received testify to the good work the Fund is doing. All the work is voluntary—only the bare cost of postage and stationery is extracted; all the money collected goes for the benefit of those for whom the Appeal is made. Surely most of you can give up some little luxury if only for one week, and this little, put into the Church's collecting box, or forwarded direct to the Honorary Secretary will be appreciated.

To those Lyceums who have contributed in past years, we again solicit your help. To those who have as yet scarcely realised their responsibility in a National sense, we ask your consideration of this appeal and await a favourable response.

WHAT SAY YOU, fellow Lyceumists? YOU CAN DO YOUR SHARE TO HELP with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together. WILL YOU, DEAR FRIENDS, DO YOUR PART and again show your brotherhood in a practical manner.

All donations will be published in the usual way. See to it that your Lyceum's name is included, for I feel confident that the children would help if they were asked to do their share.

Please do not forget the date, OCTOBER 20th, and let us have your best collection.

All donations to be sent to the Honorary Secretary:

MISS M. L. STAIR,  
4, Ravenstone Gardens,  
Sutton-in-Craven,  
nr. KEIGHLEY, Yorks.

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Luck is no good as a means of getting a living.

—Knowlson.

An honest man is the noblest work of God.

—Pope.

Temperance and labour are the two real physicians.

—Rousseau.

Work is only done well, when it is done with a will.

—Ruskin.

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## WILL IT PAY?

Will it pay? At the present time we are finding that these three small words, "will it pay" are playing a big part in the organisation of Lyceum activities. There seems to be a lack of confidence in the organising of new events to stimulate interest in our Cause. Will it pay? Shall we reap any benefit from any such effort? Shall we be able to pay the bills attendant on such a function?

But ought we, as Lyceumists and Spiritualists, to think so much about the financial aspect? Are we not commercialising our precious Cause? Is it not the moral side of the transaction that ought to weigh most with us?

Will it pay? I wonder if Alfred Kitson thought that when he worked so laboriously for our Movement? Surely his only thought was would it benefit humanity if he went about speaking, broadcasting his message, and organising Lyceums? He didn't wonder whether he would reap monetary recompense. He didn't stop to think what would be the consequence should his health break down because of his strenuous labours.

No. Alfred Kitson worked forward, knowing that he was doing good and counting not the cost to himself.

Did Harry Kersey think 'will it pay' when first asked to publish the *Lyceum Manual*? Did he ask 'will it pay' when he decided to publish the 'Spiritual Songster'?

No. He only wanted to help forward the Lyceum Movement, and he willingly gave that service for which he was most fitted without stopping to count the material cost.

And so, Lyceumists, instead of thinking "will it pay," set about doing that for which you are most fitted and do it well. To wonder "will it pay" is unworthy of a good Lyceumist. You are engaged in a noble work. You are helping forward humanity. You are dropping seeds of comfort as you go on your way. And you are training the children of to-day to be good citizens of to-morrow, with Brotherhood and Peace in their hearts and in their lives.

Why wonder as to whether it will pay. Certainly it will pay. You will see a brighter and purer Spiritualism growing. Lyceums will be brighter and you will be helping to make a stronger and brighter Union. Lyceums will be linked into one grand Bond of Union, forming so strong a chain of fraternal love that their thoughts and actions will break down all barriers, and help to establish in the world our second Principle, "The Brotherhood of Man."

Don't think of material gain when next you are asked to perform some task for your Lyceum. Make it a labour of love and let your recompense lie in the thought that you are helping to build a noble structure that will edify humanity, and remember

"One grand eternal law controls  
The life without the life within;  
Heaven is no place for idle souls,  
The Workers Win."

## LOOK AHEAD.

Weep not o'er days that are past and gone,  
Sigh not o'er sorrows gone by,  
Think not of battles, more *lost* than won,  
Or valleys that round you lie.  
There's strength and beauty on every hand,  
And love, and light, and glory;  
Wonderful joys from Summerland,  
Grasp the symbol of their story.

Think not of wealth that has passed you by,  
Quite heedless of your wanting,  
Yearn not for fortune, for worldly ties  
Are but to your spirit, daunting.  
Seek for the future the purest thoughts,  
Wherever they can be found,  
Then plant the seed within your heart,  
Making sure 'tis fertile ground.

Weep not for those you've loved and lost,  
Think not they are far away,  
The parting, friends, is the heaviest cost  
We mortals are called to pay.  
There is no death; they're with us still,  
Love us just as of yore,  
They bring a message of peace, goodwill,  
From the brighter spirit shore.

So look around, there is WORK for you,  
This old world needs amending.  
The vineyard is great, the workers few,  
A labour of love, unending.  
The past is gone, the present is here,  
The future is looming ahead,  
So don't waste time by shedding a tear,  
But work, and be happy instead.

E. MOULT.

Contentions for trifles can but get a trifling victory.  
—Sir P. Sidney.

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what  
you can do well. —Longfellow.

Your talent is your call. —Marden.

# OUR LYCEUM GUILD

AIMS. To be progressive. To develop ourselves.

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

Dear Guildites,

For the second time since Our Guild was revived in 1932 I have to report that no new members have been enrolled. The last time was in February, 1934, and now again comes the report. But things are not quite as bad as they sound, for a batch of Lyceumists at York have been patiently waiting for months to become Guildites, and I had hoped to enrol them in time to publish their names this month, but they will be sure to have joined our family by next month.

Also, I realise that holidays are only just over, and that for that period the Lyceum and Our Guild has not been foremost in your thoughts. That is as it should be, for, if we need a change from our daily work, we also need a change from our weekly Sunday work. And if we have put the Lyceum on one side during our holidays, or taken a busman's holiday by visiting another Lyceum we, as well as the Lyceum that puts up with us each week, shall have benefited. So, next month, I hope to place before you a good long list of new members.

## Finances.

If you look up your August BANNER you will find that the Balance in hand then was £14 16s. 7½d. Since then I have received only 2s. 6d., being renewal fee from Salford Central Lyceum; while postage for the two months amounts to 5s. 3d., and envelopes have cost 3s. 9d. So that there is now left in hand £14 10s. 1½d.

## Guild Fees—Entrance and Renewal.

Look out for November BANNER when changes, which will take place from January 1st, 1936, will be published.

## Sick Guildites.

A very sad case of a young Guildite has come to my notice this week. I am very sorry indeed to hear of the unexpected illness which has overtaken her, and I earnestly implore each one of you to help with daily prayers, and, where possible, with the healing circle. I know that I shall not ask in vain. I refer to Jean Grant, of Heeley Woodseats, Sheffield, Lyceum, and who lives at 26, Bromwich Road, Woodseats, Sheffield. On the Tuesday of August Bank Holiday week Jean, who is only six years of age, was playing on the sands at Southport. Whilst there she lost sixpence, and so began to cry and rub her eyes. Sand got into her eyes, with the result that now she is losing her sight. The doctor says that there is some kind of sand germ at the back of her eye, which is gradually eating the eye away. Already the affected eye is closed, and the doctor states that if they are not able to check it, it will eat the other eye as well. So will you please put forth all your efforts to help Jean and her parents at this trying time?

I have had no news of Joyce Hirst this month, so I take it that all is going on well. Nor have I heard from any of the other sick Guildites.

## To Student Guildites.

You have all received your marked examination papers by this time, and I hope you have done as well as you expected. Please remember that although you know your results, I do not, until the Results Book is out. We shall not have long to wait for that,—probably it will be here before you read this. Then I shall be able to see what you have each done, and let you know what I think of you.

## Guild Classes.

Now that dark evenings are upon us we can once more turn our attention to indoor meetings.

Already I have heard from the Secretary of Shipley Guild, telling me about their election of Guild Officers, and enclosing a copy of their syllabus for the coming winter. Here it is:—

6—7 p.m.—Swimming, by Mr. Bower.

7—7-30 p.m. Drill, by Mr. Hall.

7-30—8 p.m.—Needlework, by Miss Ellis,

and Fretwork and Repairs, by Mr. Coles.

8—8-30 p.m.—Educational Scheme, by Mr. Aked.

Games—Table Tennis, Rings, Hunt the Clue, Kimm's Game.

There is a varied programme, and one that should appeal to everyone.

I hope you others are seriously thinking of beginning your Guild meetings again. I realise full well that you cannot always arrange to attend your Guild Class, perhaps because of your studies at evening classes or because of homework for day classes. And I should be the last person to encourage anyone to choose the Guild Class first. If, however, the Guild class should be held on your free evening, then attend by all means, as I am quite sure it will be very different work from what you are doing the rest of the week. But to those who do not study at night to become more proficient at their daily job, or to become more cultured, I say without hesitation—"join the Guild Class, whether you are Guild members or not, and then you will find out the joy of companionship, and perhaps a new world of interests will be opened to you."

So fire away with your plans, and please let me know what you intend to do, for I am interested in all your doings, even though I have not seen many of you.

## S.O.S.

Help is urgently needed from the *menfolk* of Our Guild! Will you please tell me, a mere woman, what boys like to do with their fingers? I have been asked a few times to suggest handwork for boys, while girls are busy doing hand work. I have given my suggestions, but they do not seem to be any good. So perhaps some of you men will come to my rescue, and tell me how to occupy the boys, for some of the Guild Leaders say, and quite rightly too, that it isn't fair for boys to play games while girls are busy working. So, please inundate me with your ideas.

This is one way in which you can help me to be

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Free School Lane,

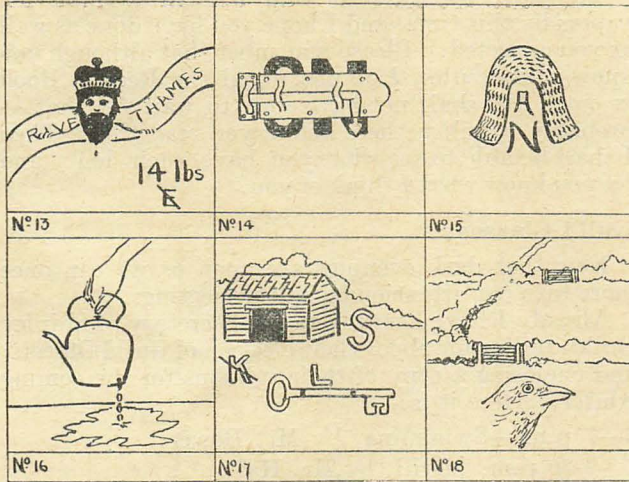
Halifax.

The Guild Leader,

GLADYS HALLIDAY.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## PUZZLE.



What Lyceums are illustrated?  
Answer next month.

## TONGUE TWISTERS.

Repeat these quickly six times without a mistake.  
The thistles Tom sifted were sixteen small slender thistles.

- Six sieves of sifted thistles;
- Six sieves of unsifted thistles:
- Where's the six sieves of sifted thistles
- That the thistle-sifter sifted.

Does this shop stock shot silk socks with spots?

Twenty two tiny tom-tits twittering on the trees  
trilled thirty-three treble-notes triumphantly.

Pussy's purring pleased Princess Priscilla penetrating persistently the perfumed palace of the proud Prince.

## RIDDLES.

Ques.—When is a hat not a hat?  
Ans.—When it becomes you.

Ques.—Why is a whip like the letter O?  
Ans.—It makes the G Go.

Ques.—Why is a stork's beak like an old man?  
Ans.—Both are in-firm.

Ques.—Why will the Irish Free State be a very rich country?  
Ans.—Its capital is always Dublin (Doubling).

Ques.—Which is easier to spell, goose or geese?  
Ans.—Geese—more ease (EEE) in it.

Ques.—What do we often return but never borrow?  
Ans.—Thanks.

Ques.—What happened to the baby who swallowed a spoon?  
Ans.—It couldn't stir.

## SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE.

You all know this rhyme, but have you ever heard what it really means?

The four-and-twenty blackbirds represent the twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the world, while the top crust is the sky that overarches it. The opening of the pie is the day-dawn, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is fit for a king.

The king, who is represented as sitting in his parlour counting out his money, is the sun, while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers as he counts them, are the golden sunshine.

The Queen, who sits in the dark parlour, is the moon, and the honey with which she regales herself is the moonlight.

The industrious maid, who is in the garden at work before the King—the sun—is risen, is day-dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds.

The bird who tragically ends the song by "nipping of her nose" is the sunset. So we have the whole day, if not in a nut-shell, in a pie.

## DO YOU KNOW THIS ONE?

Stage Manager (interviewing children for pantomime):

Has this child been on the stage before?

Proud Mother: No, but he's been on an inquest and he speaks up fine.

Fat Cyclist to Yokel: Can I get through that gate, my man?

Yokel: Well, I saw a wagon-load of hay go through only this very morning.

Tom: Why did you abandon your motor trip so suddenly?

Fred: My wife is so superstitious. After we had run over the thirteenth man she thought we ought to turn back, because she felt sure we should meet with an accident.

## Father's Book.

Mother: How did Daddy's book get in this condition?

Jackie: Why, mummy, I heard Daddy say last night that the book was too dry, so I put it in the bath and let the water run.

The other day a little boy was kneeling down in front of the fire saying his prayers before going to bed. His sister could not resist the temptation of tickling his feet as they peeped out from his pyjamas. He stood it as long as he possibly could, and then astonished everyone by exclaiming: "Please excuse me a moment, God, while I knock the stuffing out of sis."

## ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE.

We are going to the seaside for our summer trip. We are taking our spades and buckets to dig in the sands, and we shall give a cheer for the workers at the end of the day.

# MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE GREAT

by  
NUNCA.

IT SEEMS RATHER  
paradoxical that the  
most clear, concise

and logical exposition of Spiritualistic philosophy that is to be found in the Lyceum Manual should have been written by an ordained minister of the Church.

Throughout the whole of the Manual we find these seemingly incongruities, but, as we have already pointed out in a previous compilation, works of this nature have to be carried out impartially. For are we not instructed by the Manual itself that the person who gains wisdom is he who is willing to accept knowledge and receive instruction from all sources.

Moreover, we would like to stress the point that the paramount aim of the compiler of these glimpses into other people's lives is to make Lyceumists more familiar with the authors whose works are to be found in our Manual.

We are often told that truth is stranger than fiction. In searching for material with which to make a sketch of the life of the Rev. Theodore Parker we were surprised to find that no reference has been made with regard to his connection with and researches into Spiritualism.

The Rev. Theodore Parker was born in 1810, on August 24th, at Lexington, Mass. He was the grandson of Captain John Parker, who was the leader of the minute-men in the skirmish at Lexington. It was from his father that he learnt the art of the use of books, and to his mother he owes his first introduction to religion and good works of all the arts. His formal training was gained at a District School. He had but one term at the Lexington Academy. At a very early age he became a schoolmaster, and in his twentieth year he entered himself at Harvard University. While studying there he also worked on his father's farm, going to Cambridge only to take his examinations. For his Theological Course he resided at the College, graduating in 1836. Shortly after, in 1843, he began his translation of Wilhelm M. L. D. Wille's *Beitrag zur Einleitung in das Alte Testament*. He was ordained in West Roxbury in 1837, and he preached there until 1846.

Although he found himself extremely antagonistic to the popular Theology of his period his rationalistic views were slow to unfold themselves. He preached at Boston, May 19th, 1841, a sermon on "the transient and permanent in Christianity" which presented in embryo the main principles and ideas of his final theological position. The Boston Unitarian Clergy denounced him, and declared that the 'young man must be silenced.' In the Boston Masonic Hall during the winters of 1841 and 1842 he delivered a course of lectures, afterwards published as the "Discourse of Matters pertaining to Religion." It was in 1845 that he began to preach to the Twenty Eight Congregational Society of Boston. Not only was the Rev. Parker a great preacher, but he was also a great social reformer.

He took up the cause of the slaves. He demanded their emancipation. He fearlessly advocated in

Boston and elsewhere, from the platform, and through correspondence, and the press, the spiritual and material needs of the negroes. He assisted actively in the escape of fugitives, and aided John Brown. But, unfortunately, his days were numbered. In January, 1859, he had a violent haemorrhage of the lungs, and vainly sought relief by retreating first to the West Indies and then to Europe.

A preacher rather than a thinker; a reformer rather than a philosopher; he spoke straight to men's intelligence and to the goodness of their hearts. By this method he hoped to obtain all that was best and noble in man. His desire was to transpose the material for the spiritual; the sordid for the generous, and above all the emancipation of the human soul.

We are indeed extremely grateful to the Rev. Theodore Parker for the highly impartial and lucid exposition of the philosophy of Spiritualism. Search among your modern authors and newly adherents to Spiritualism, and we doubt very much if you will be able to find a clearer or more straightforward epitomé of the Aim of Spiritualism.

His principle works are "Ten Sermons of Religion"; "Theism, Atheism and the Popular Theology." A collected edition of his works was published in England by Frances P. Cobbe, and another, the Centenary edition, in Boston, Mass., by the American Unitarian Association. A German translation of a part of his works was made by Ziethen (Leipzig) in 1854-57.

If any of our readers have come across any reference to the Rev. Parker's works on Spiritualism, or to any of his activities on our behalf, we are sure that the editor would welcome a more detailed essay on this author who seemed to have grasped the fundamental principles for which Spiritualism stands.

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## SMALL BUT GREAT.

The mem'ry of a friend's warm hand,  
A tender smile,  
The whisper of a sweet young voice  
The hours beguile.  
The gently falling fountain spray,  
A woodland stream,  
The little shafts of light that fall,  
A sunny beam.  
  
The wind, that rustles through the trees,  
A cuckoo's call,  
The twinkling silver light of stars  
At even fall.  
One note of gentlest harmony  
That flows so sweet.  
The little flowers that softly bloom  
About our feet.  
  
A gentle word, one rippling laugh,  
In voice so dear.  
The ready hand, held out to bless  
With words of cheer.  
What little things they often seem,  
When days are bright.  
But Oh! How great, how beautiful,  
In God's own sight.

MARGARET ELSIE THOMPSON  
(Birkenhead Lyceum).

# THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT SHEFFIELD.

A SPECIAL MASS LYCEUM SESSION

WILL BE HELD IN THE

DARNALL NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, SHIRLAND LANE, SHEFFIELD,  
ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1935.

AT 2-30 P.M.

Conductor: Mr. J. SLIMIN, President B.S.L.U.

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AT 6-30 P.M.

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## CREATION THE BOOK OF LIFE.

**S**PEAKING ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT AT Bennerley Hall, Battersea on Sunday, September 1st. Mr. Edmund Spencer illustrated with the following story. When his children were quite young he told them that he would take them to the homes of the primroses, the reply came, "we did not know they had homes." The father said, "yes, I will show you." He led the children to a spot, which was a dried up pond, there they saw a mass of primroses. The little girl exclaimed, "Oh, Daddy." The father thought that was her way of saying "how wonderful" so he talked to the primroses saying: "You are very wonderful, primroses, with your long stalks, so stately, you are nice colour, and your scent is wafted in the air, it is very pleasant to gaze at you."

The primroses answered back; "You see sir, we have so much given to us that we must give it back. We have the sunshine, the showers, and gentle breezes so we show our thankfulness in return."

The father said to the children, "now I will take you to another home." He led them to a brook, where they saw other primroses. He talked again: "You are very lovely primroses, we have just come from the pond where the primroses are wonderful, but you are more so." To which the primroses replied; "perhaps you are not quite just to the pond primroses; you see sir, we have the running water, we are not dependent upon the showers. As we receive more we are able to give more."

The father again said to the children, "we will go to another home." This time he led them to a shady part of the wood, where they saw a little cluster of primroses. He spoke to them, saying; "Primroses you are so small, we have come from the pond and the brook where the primroses are larger and have long

stalks and are much brighter but you look so poor." The primroses replied; "we are sorry sir, but you are not quite fair to us, the primroses by the brook and the pond have so much more sunshine and water, but here the only sunshine is what filters through the trees, and the only water we get, are the drops that fall from the tree, and sometimes the wind blows round the tree and it nearly cuts our heads off, but we are doing our best and the colour we give in this shaded wood has attracted you."

The little boy remarked, "Daddy, I think I like these primroses the best."

E.C.D.

## THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

Will students please note that all applications for College degrees should be made to the College Secretary, and not to the B.S.L.U. Education Secretary, as this causes delay and unnecessary expenses.

Also the College Secretary holds the remaining stock of Hints To Students and The Seven Pointed Star; which may be obtained post free for 7½d. and 4d. respectively.

G. HALLIDAY, College Secretary,  
28, Moorlands Place,  
Free School Lane,  
Halifax.

The only secret of true industry in our work is love of that work. —Trench.

Knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful. —Johnson.

Let me see, let them know a real man. —Marden.

Work alone is noble. —Carlyle.

# WHICH IS THE SUPERIOR SEX?

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD L.D.C.  
DEBATE.

It was a dreary wet night in mid-September when members of the Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council met at the Harpurhey National Spiritualist Church to debate on the question as to which is the Superior Sex.

Mr. R. Parker (well-known to Conference delegates) opened the debate, claiming the superiority of the male sex. Although Mr. Parker was not as brilliant as we have heard him, he stated his case very fairly, giving illustrations from History's pages to bear out his statement that man was the superior sex. Just one quotation. Mr. Parker stated that "The future of humanity lies, not in the lap of the Gods, but in the hands of men, not women. Women may establish the characteristics of the race, but the manipulation of these characteristics is definitely a man's job."

Points were ably put, Mr. Parker's one weakness lying in his reliance on quotations, culled from other peoples' brains. His speech was rounded off with Shakespeare's statement "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

Mr. H. Battle took up the cudgels on behalf of the female sex. In fairness to Mr. Battle it must be stated that, at very little notice, he took the proposer's job upon himself, owing to the illness of Mrs. Benson, who should have led the debate on behalf of the females, Mr. Battle seconding her.

He took the standpoint that woman showed her superiority because of her ability to allow the men to 'make the running' and 'do the donkey work' whilst she waited her opportunity to step in and take the 'kudos.' He illustrated his points from history very well considering the short time he had had to prepare his speech.

Miss Lloyd here followed in support of Mr. Parker. Hers was probably the best speech from a rhetorical standpoint, but she made the mistake of illustrating her points with isolated instances and applying them generally. Her points were well emphasised on the whole, and she very ably seconded Mr. Parker.

Mr. A. Shaw seconded Mr. Battle, and again, we must congratulate this debater on the good speech and good case he put forward, because he, too, had taken up the cudgels on behalf of the female sex at very short notice indeed. Not until ten minutes before the commencement of the debate had he any intention of taking so prominent a part. Mr. Shaw worked on the point that man had kept woman in the background because he was afraid of her capabilities overpowering his own.

Both sides presented fairly lucid cases, and several speakers spoke on the subject, but on the whole one found that the majority of people present felt that there was neither superiority nor inferiority between the sexes, and the Chairman, Mr. J. Taylor, very cleverly summed up the whole thing by saying that the natural adaptability of the two sexes helped them

to predominate one in one direction and one in another. It was that natural adaptability which helped to make the different talents of the two sexes work conjointly and make life easier and happier for all concerned.

The debate was thoroughly enjoyed, and it is to be hoped that before very long the Manchester and Salford L.D.C. will organise another one, choosing a subject of a different character altogether, so that the thinking powers of the debaters will be led into a more serious channel than this first debate organised by the recently appointed Social Activities Committee.

## BELPER LYCEUMIST PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL GAMES.

Miss Winifred Hawkins, B.A., daughter of Council and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins, Belper, was a member of the British Universities' team of swimmers which competed in the recent International University games at Budapest, Hungary. Two years ago Miss Hawkins was a member of the team which swam in a similar competition at Turin, Italy.

Early this year Miss Hawkins was invited by the British Women's Inter-Varsity Athletic Board to take part in swimming trials in London, with the object of selecting a team to represent the British Universities at Budapest. Ultimately she was one of the eight women chosen. Forty nations competed in the games at Budapest, and Great Britain came in third, just being beaten by Hungary and Germany. Japan was fourth.

Miss Hawkins left London on August 10th, with a party of 400 organised by the National Union of Students, and travelled via Dover, Ostend and Brussels. After crossing the Belgian-Germany frontier they ran down the beautiful Rhine Valley, through Bingen and Stuttgart, to Munich, celebrated for its museum and monuments. Salzburg, the birth-place of Mozart, was the next town visited, and the tourists here were favoured with an organ recital on the famous Mozart organ. The journey continued to Vienna, and the last stage, to Budapest, was undertaken by boat on the river Danube. It was a beautiful journey. The principal buildings of Buda, on one side of the river, and Pest, on the other, were floodlit and presented a striking appearance. An official welcome by the Mayor was accorded the visitors on the quay, and afterwards, the Party, led by a band, marched to the Square, and were taken in taxi-cabs to their hotels.

Eight days were spent at Budapest at the games and enjoying motor tours to the mountains, to Lake Balaton, Hungary's inland sea, and other places of interest.

The whole of the return journey was made by rail, passing through Passau, Nurnberg, Frankfort, Cologne and Ostend. During the tour over 3,000 miles were covered, and at the close the students were warm in their praise of the unique arrangements made by the National Union of Students' Associations and of the International Students' Association for the welcome and hospitality received at each of the cities where the tour halted.

We often see the most strange inconsistency between a man's conduct and his creed.

## ASTLEY HALL

### A CHORLEY BEAUTY SPOT. BOLTON L.D.C. ANNUAL PICNIC.

It was a glorious summer day at the end of August when members of the Bolton Lyceum District Council met at the Chorley National Spiritualist Church for their Annual Picnic.

Members of the Chorley Church acted as guides to the picnickers, who were soon enjoying their walk through the spacious grounds which surround Astley Hall. One found that the dread notice 'Keep off the grass' was a minus quantity.

The paddling pool called the young ones, and one little boy is going to take his boat 'next time' in the hopes of sailing it, whilst his still smaller sister insists that a towel shall be part of the impedimenta 'next time.'

The lily pond and the ducks were an immense attraction. Some of the birds were almost tame, and came very near to the water's edge in their quest for tit-bits. The foreign water birds also attracted the interest of the younger Lyceumists. One member of the party saw the peacock, but not its glorious outspread tail.

And so into the Hall itself. Here one wondered at the marvellous carving to be seen on the fourposter beds and one also wondered how the giants of the day managed to stretch their legs in so short a bed.

The newly converted Picture Gallery was very interesting, as was the wonderful pottery exhibited in the drawing room, and one practical minded boy didn't like the idea of 'whitewashing' the drawing room ceiling, so ornate was the plaster work.

But one cannot feast forever on carving and pottery and so to tea in the open air. After tea a jolly good romp was enjoyed, and Presidents and Secretaries managed to lose their dignity in an exciting game of rounders, followed by a mock ball game.

A wash at the drinking fountain, prior to a Session in the Chorley Church, showed that Lyceumists like to go tidy to their work.

In the hour set aside for a demonstration of the Lyceum method of teaching a full session, with the exception of groups and questions was well conducted. Horwich Lyceumists led the marching and callisthenics, and every Lyceum represented had some part in the Session. The Council President conducted and gave a short illustration of the aims of the Lyceum. The Council Secretary emphasised the need for each Church having a Lyceum, and for each Church member to study Spiritualism as presented through the pages of the 'Lyceum Manual.' Other Lyceumists briefly spoke on the benefits derived from a Lyceum education.

Thus ended a happy day spent in the open air and in trying to foster the Lyceum spirit in a town which, at present, knows not about our Lyceum method of teaching.

A.M.

### WEDDING AT MACCLESFIELD.

On Saturday, Sept. 1st, Mr. John B. Harwood and Miss Majorie Hulley were married at the Spiritualist Free Church, Cumberland Street, Macclesfield. Mr. Frank Hepworth performed the ceremony.

Miss Hulley has been connected with the Spiritualist Church and Lyceum all her life, serving as Group

Leader, Lyceum pianist, and Leader of the Physical Culture Class.

The ceremony attracted considerable attention and the Church was full to overflowing. Given away by her father, the bride presented a radiant figure in a gown of white georgette and lace. The neck line was finished with a spray of orange blossom, and the embroidered veil was held in position with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white heather.

There were two bridesmaids, both dressed in Margaret Rose pink lace over taffeta slips of the same shade. Belts of brown chiffon velvet relieved the dresses. They wore halo hats of pink lace and brown shoes of dull satin. Gifts from the bridegroom were diamante clips.

Mr. W. L. Southwell, A.R.C.M., L.T.C.L., presided at the organ and suitable music was played before and during the ceremony. As the happy couple left the Church Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played.

A happy little ceremony was performed before the bridal party entered the cars, two of the Primary Children from the Lyceum, Miss Joan Challinor and Master Russell Latham, presenting the bride with a silver horseshoe.

On Aug. 25th a presentation of a Loom Chair was made to Miss Hulley by the Lyceum. Mrs. Challinor spoke of the work she had done and how we all felt the occasion. Mrs. Rushton made the presentation on behalf of Lyceumists and spoke of the ten years solid work done by Miss Hulley, and how the children had loved her. Mrs. Holland, Miss Swindells, Miss Kenyon and Mr. Magee, all added their thanks and then Mrs. Greenwood also added her thanks, saying that her guide brought Miss Hulley some roses.

In reply, Miss Hulley thanked all for their kind wishes and said her bouquet was to be of roses.

The first wedding in the Macclesfield Church was that of Mr. and Mrs. Pimblott. Mr. Pimblott was Secretary and his bride Musical Conductor. Four of the girls in her group scattered rose petals in her path, so that she should start with roses.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

Hello Sheffield District!! Meet the Management Committee at Darnall, 13th October.

Open Session, 2-30 p.m. Public Tea, Adults 9d., Children 6d. Service at 6-30 p.m. You must come!!!

### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The Council held its usual Monthly Meeting at the Laisterdyke Lyceum on Sept. 8th, and all Lyceums with the exception of Bankfoot were represented. The Meeting opened with the singing, "Again we've met." Mr. F. Babbs, of Laisterdyke, giving the invocation. The usual business was gone through, great interest being taken in the various items on the agenda. We are indebted to the area representative, Mr. T. Ellis, for the scheme sent to us which was fully considered and sent back to each Lyceum for their consideration. The Shield and Bell Competition Result was given. The Windhill Lyceum winning the Shield and the Milton Lyceum the Silver Bell. It was also decided to invite the M.C. to hold their January 1936 Meeting in Bradford, and the Laisterdyke Lyceum offered their Church for the meetings. We hope they will be a great success. The meeting was brought to a close by Mrs. Piekard, of Windhill, offering the Benediction.

In the afternoon an open session was held and our President, Mr. H. Slater, was asked to take charge of the session. A very good session it was. In the evening the members of the Council took the services. We had a wonderful time and our thanks

are due to the Laisterdyke friends for the welcome and the splendid catering they gave to us.

H. HARGREAVES, Sec.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Quarterly meeting was held at Alma St., Halifax, on Sept. 1st, when 15 delegates and friends were present.

The financial statement showed a total income of £4 10s. 2d., and as the expenditure was £3 4s. 8d., the balance left in hand was £1 5s. 6d.; with a balance of 11s. 4d. in the bank.

Statistical returns were received from 7 Lyceums, and the totals showed an increase of 6 Lyceumists on books, but a decrease of 4 in average attendance.

Copies of Conference Report had already been sent out to all Lyceums in the area by the delegate, and the delegate was heartily thanked for the work he had done.

It was decided to send copies of the suggested Pooling Scheme to all Lyceums in the district for consideration, and a report be asked for at the next meeting in November.

It was also decided to ask all Lyceums to consider the advisability or otherwise of an Open-Air Demonstration and Adjudication of Callisthenics and Marching in 1936 in place of the present method of adjudication, and report to the November meeting.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Conference held on Sept. 14th at the National Spiritualist Church, Wakefield. Mr. Wainwright, President, occupying the chair. Opening exercise, "Go Forward." Invocation by Vice-President, Mr. Whitelock. Local welcome: Mrs. Harding (Wakefield) and accepted by the President on behalf of Conference. Roll Call: Officers 5, Field Day Secretary, Conductor, 2 Fraternal Delegates, 14 Delegates representing 10 Lyceums, 3 Associates. Total, 24.

The President welcomed Officers, Delegates, associates, and our Area Representative, and asked him to take part in all our deliberations. The Conference may feel they have reached the height of its ambitions for 1935, since the Field Day is over, but he did not want it to be like this. The Demonstration had been a great affair and we ought to feel somewhat satisfied, for there is a little balance. He wanted to thank all who had helped to make it so. Let us introduce new ideas into our Sessions. The inter-change of Conductors will serve a useful purpose in this direction. Let us rouse ourselves and create this new interest. Does our movement meet the needs of our young people of to-day? Is our Progress Scheme falling flat? Let it live again, make it a part of life. Emulate the grand ideal of those who gave the movement to us.

Minutes, Correspondence, Secretary to write to Mr. Barnes; the Bands, and Police, etc.

*Re* Education Scheme. Much discussion followed. President asked for expression of opinion. Castleford gave a splendid idea. President suggested we might try and introduce the Education Scheme into some of our Lyceum Sessions. Area Representative spoke lengthily on this and offered to help any Lyceum. Reports: D.V. visits to Dewsbury and Castleford; L.D.C.; Inter-change (5 reports). Treasurer's Statement: Income £4 1s. 1d. Expenditure, including Adverse Balance, previous quarter, £3 12s. 8½d. Balance in hand 8s. 5½d. Field Day Secretary Report: Financial Statement, Income £42 1s. 4d.; expenditure £40 8s. Balance £1 13s. 4d. Auditors recommended acceptance of Balance Sheet. Accepted. Mr. Cook complimented our District on our Demonstration, and said it was a great affair and the organisation of it was all that could be desired; it had surely cemented a better feeling and fellowship.

Associates: Mr. Silcock (Royston, Carlton Road), Mr. Whitelock (Batley Carr), Mr. Whitwam (York). Rota Scheme. Area representative said Sheffield was going to make it a success, and invited Lyceumists to Darnall Church. B.S.L.U. Finance accepted. Secretary instructed to obtain new Delegate's cards; date and place left with Secretary to arrange. President moved that our best thanks be given to the Wakefield friends for use of rooms and such a splendid tea. Proceeds of tea, 16s. 5½d. Delegates' collection, 5s.

A. W. HARDING, Secretary.

#### LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held in the National Spiritualist Church, Hawkshead Street, Southport, on Saturday, 14th September. Mrs. George was in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were adopted. The result of the Shield Competition was announced. Heartly congratulations

to Runcorn Lyceum who have won the Shield. The Secretary reported that eighty persons had taken part in the Eisteddfod; twenty-three of whom were successful in carrying off a prize; The Annual Outing to Frodsham Hills had been a success despite the fact that the attendance had not been up to expectation.

It was with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of the Secretary. We wish to place on record our deep gratitude and appreciation of Mrs. Clitheroe's unstinted service and loyalty to the Council over a period of many years. Mr. R. Robb was appointed Secretary until the A.G.M. in 1936.

The D.V. reported having visited Runcorn, Chester, Wrexham, Southport, Wigan and Warrington Lyceums, and gave a detailed report of each visit.

Owing to heavy expenses incurred in sending Delegates to Southampton Conference it was unanimously decided to build up the Council's Fund which was in a serious position. All Lyceums are asked to co-operate in raising money for the Council.

Delegates to the Conference, and fraternal delegates to the Manchester and Salford D.C. and Bolton D.C. and South West Lancashire Group gave their reports.

A letter was read from the Education Secretary urging the District Council to do all in its power to influence Lyceumists to give their whole-hearted support to the Education Scheme.

A Mass Session will be held at Birkenhead Lyceum on Nov. 3rd, and the next meeting of the Council will be held at Warrington in November.

R. ROBB, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

A United Council Outing to Southend-on-Sea was held on Sept. 7th. Seventy-three Lyceumists attended, enjoying a very happy time.

The workers of the Southend Lyceum entertained the party to tea and their energetic efforts added much pleasure to the day's outing.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at the Hackney Church, on Sept. 14th. The majority of Lyceums were represented. The various reports showed a healthy state, and several progressive ideas were considered for the winter months, including the President's suggestion for "A full day's Conference of London Workers," and a Joint Propaganda Meeting of Church and Lyceum Workers.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

Please note Secretary's change of address:—

Mr. J. LE NOURY,  
130, Blackburn,  
Meadow Hall,  
Sheffield.

### DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD L.D.C.

Whit Sunday. Peter St. Session not quite up to usual standard. Whit Monday. Field Day. Peter St. and Slaithwaite. Held in Slaithwaite Hall owing to weather being unfit for the children to be in the field, but was a perfect day, and not a dull face in spite of weather. A perfect example of joint effort.

July 8th. Queen's Rd. A very good session, but the number in attendance was very small indeed.

July 8th. Peter St. Anniversary. A most inspiring and well conducted day. Afternoon and evening services well attended. Children eager and willing to take part.

#### LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT.

*Kippax*. Sunday, March 3rd. This is a small Lyceum badly in need of experienced supporters.

*Dewsbury*. Sunday, Sept. 1st. This Lyceum session was a well behaved one. Reading and questions good. Marching good. Callisthenics fairly good. Three groups. The youngest group of 11 children would do well to consider the Oral Grade Primer.

*Batley*. Sunday, Sept. 1st. Afternoon session. This is a very good Lyceum. Shield movement appears to need correcting. This Lyceum is unfortunately not able to spend much time in Groups.

*Castleford*. Sunday, Sept. 8th. 10-30 a.m. This Lyceum discusses all its lessons in groups.

Marching good. Suggest more energy in callisthenics. Good work by the children.

Another visit to Kippax, but no session.

A. DAVISLEY, Junr., 15, Creskell Street, Leeds, 11.

## IN MEMORIAM.

ROYSTON, Carlton Rd.—In loving memory of Violet Severn, who passed to higher life Sept. 10th, 1934.—From her fellow Lyceumists.

SEVERN.—In Loving Memory of Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Severn, aged 10 years.

God folds them in his bosom  
Thro' all the Happy hours;  
He gathers to his own Dear Home  
The well beloved of ours;  
For, oh, He loves them dearly,  
His choicest gems are they;  
He guides them with a gentle hand  
Along the heav'nly way.

From her loving Mam and Dad.

## AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

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ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Sept. 8th was our Open Session day, when we had some visitors from Great Harwood Lyceum. The following rendered recitations and solos.—A. Wright, T. Laycock, S. Laycock, F. Laycock, B. and J. Hilton, P. Edwards, M. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Jones and Miss F. Pickvance. A session enjoyed by all.—W. Taylor, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—On Sept. 1st we held Massed Session in the afternoon and evening.

The platform was staffed by the District Council Executive. Mr. J. Shuttleworth conducted the afternoon session, Mr. J. N. Railton presiding in the evening. Solos, monologues, recitations, pearls, etc., were given by the Lyceumists. The Sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by all.—S. Lightbown, Sec.

BRADFORD, Milton.—Open Session, Sept. 1st. Solos, duets, Readings, Recitations in quick succession by the Lyceumists. A happy instructive Session.—Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, September 1st, we held our usual Open Session, commencing with Opening Hymn, No. 302, entitled, "Sing all Together." Marching and Callisthenics were conducted by Mr. E. Hobster, after which the following Lyceumists gave items: Mervyn, Glyn and Irene Cowell, Irene Hobster, Shirley Widdowson, Jean Clements and Mrs. Briggs. Mr. Campbell and Mr. E. Hobster gave us a pearl. The Lyceum closed with Hymn No. 391, entitled, "Strike your Harps."—S. Hobster, Sess. Sec.

COVENTRY, Broadgate.—Sept. 1st. We gave Lyceumists a surprise. Mrs. Hutchinson gave the Certificates to 6 Lyceumists, and hoped they would keep on to Grade 5. Solos and recitations by 4 Lyceumists.—E. Coe, Sec.

DARWEN.—Aug. 25th. Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services. We had a very wonderful display of the flowers and fruits of the season and the day's services were ably conducted by Mrs. O'Keef, of Liverpool.

Sept. 1st. Children's Day. Special evening session conducted by the children. Presentation of Education Scheme Certificates by J. Shuttleworth.—E. Entwistle, Ban. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—August 25th, we had our Open Session, Miss Phyllis Dunn conducting. Pearls were given by the following Lyceumists: Jack Stott, Mona Stott, Mrs. A. Oakes, E. Medley, Doreen Medley, D. Dunn, Mrs. Wilson, Dennis Ragan, recitations by Ethel Medley, J. Dyson, D. Dyson, M. Stott, Kenneth Wright, Jack Stott, and Mr. Taylor. Solos by Mr. J. Collier, Mr. Medley, Mrs. J. Collier, Miss A. Bentley, Mrs. Roebuck. Duets by Miss E. Roebuck and A. Johnson, also Mr. E. Wilson and Mr. Wright. Altogether a very enjoyable Session.—(Mrs.) A. Hartley, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Sept. 1st. Songs and Recitations were well given by: recitations, E. Greenhalgh; songs, G. Morby, N. Hodkinson, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Howarth, Mrs. Bradley, K. Hodkinson, Mr. George Bradley, Mr. William Millican. The Session was enjoyed by all.—Alf Geo. Morby, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On Sept. 1st we held our Open Session, the following taking part to make it a success.—S. Johnson, W. Whittle, A. Sumner, J. Dowling, M. and F. Pickvance, E. Shaw, Mrs. W. Doswell, M. Buckler.—E. Shaw, Sec.

LANCASTER (Bulk Road).—Open Session, Sept. 1st, conducted by Mr. Bleasdale. Recitations: M. Walker, W. Hunter, J. Eccles, M. Eccles, M. Head, M. Lake, N. Park, M. Dainty, A. Patridge, and Miss Swale.—Lyceum Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—Sept. 5th, Mrs. Wainwright conducted an instructive Open Session on Hope, Faith and Love. Sept. 14th (Sunday), we had a visit of Castleford Lyceum and Band, they gave us two Musical Services, Church President, Mrs. Frith, presided (our oldest Lyceumist, not in age, but service). We had a wonderful time, Lyceum and Church, united, thanks to Castleford.—Ruth Woodcock, Sec.

LEEDS, Brunswick Place.—On July 21st the first born of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cooper, a daughter, was named Eileen by Mrs. Ward, Lyceum Conductor, after being carried under an archway of flowers formed by the Lyceumists. On July 28th the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thistlewood was named by Mrs. Hurley (all old Easy Road workers) Clifford Thomas Thistlewood.—Mrs. G. Heald, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—Open Session held Sept. 1st, efforts by following: Misses D. Jayes, L. Jayes, C. Jones, E. Reeves, F. Reeves, E. Wicks, Mrs. Seddons, Master A. Isreal and G. Seddons. Conductor, Miss E. Wicks.

LONDON, Walthamstow.—A glorious outing was thoroughly enjoyed by Lyceumists on August 17th at High Beech. Cricket and games were played; many blackberries were picked also.—E. A. Whiter.

MACCLESFIELD.—Aug. 15th. A very happy time at our morning Session. We had Mr. and Mrs. Keeling from Liverpool with us. All the items were appropriate. Mr. Keeling spoke a few words and we were pleased to welcome them.

Aug. 16th. The Lyceum were responsible for the Social and refreshments. The children (who had been trained by Miss Swindells) gave several dances and songs. Mabel Wood gave a recital. Miss Newton sang several songs. At the Interval refreshments were served by the elder Lyceumists, and lady members of Church Committee. Afterwards Miss Swindells and Joyce Potts gave a very interesting and amusing duologue. Mrs. Challinor was in the chair. Mrs. McLerie accompanied the children. Most of the items were encored. Dances, etc., finished another happy time.—H. Rushton.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.—Splendid Open Sessions held Sept. 15th. Individual efforts by John and Norman Barnett, Stanley and Arthur Sparks, Kenneth Shearsmith, and others. Greetings to all.—John S. Barnett, A.N.S.C.

MANCHESTER, Progressive.—Open Session, Sept. 8th, conducted by Mr. W. Bentley. Callisthenic and Marching conductors were Mr. Thornton and Mr. Street. We had a most enjoyable time with friends offering their services in recitations and solos. It made a beautiful and happy session. Representatives from Pendleton, Newton Heath, Mosten, Cheetham Hill and Gorton. All had a pleasant and enjoyable day. H. Ball, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Grange Rd.).—Sept. 1st. Lyceumists gave a very good musical service at which Mr. Nellist, G.N.S.C., presented the certificates to successful students, including Winnie Bateman, Win Kent, Kay McArthur, Lily Ashcroft, Joan Cartwright, Nance Pierson, Ruby, Eunice and Clive Hudson, Emma Dowdes, Margaret Pierson, Ellen and Martha Wilson. Bravo, bravissimo!! T. W. Harrison, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session, Sept. 1st. All the children rendering recitations. Marching and callisthenics were well performed and it was on the whole a very good session.—B. Nickolaus, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley Woodseats.—To celebrate our Lyceum week-end, Sept. 7th, 8th, 9th, our Jacks and Jills Concert Party gave a variety Concert on the Saturday evening and on the Sunday afternoon, Miss Fox and a young Lyceumist conducted a Flower Session.

The evening Flower Services were taken by our Conductor, Mr. L. Grant and Marching Conductor, Mr. H. Romanes.

A sale of flowers was held after the Monday afternoon meeting, taken by another Lyceumist, Mrs. Cooper, and a repeat performance of the Concert was given in the evening, bringing to a close a successful week-end.—V. Spooner, Sec.

WINNIPEG.—The First Spiritualist Church Lyceum. On Sept. 1st we held our annual flower service, when the Church was suitably decked with many flowers. Pearls, songs and recitations were rendered by: Joan, Edith and Eileen Nichols, Florence Greenwood, Betty Winters, Hazel Dale, Daisy Knox, Raymond Parkinson, Mrs. E. Barber, Mrs. J. Parkinson and Miss M. Anderson.—O. Forrest, Sec.