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PRICE TWOPENCE

RECITATIONS FOR THE PARTIES

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men.

—Longfellow.

One ship drives East and
another West,
With the self-same winds
that blow,
'Tis the set of sails and not
the gales
Which tell us the way they
go.
Like the winds of the sea
are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through
life,
'Tis the set of soul that
decides the goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A BUNCH OF KEYS.

A bunch of golden keys is mine,
To make each day with gladness shine.
"Good-morning," that's the golden key,
That unlocks every door for me.
When evening comes, "Good night," I say,
Thus close the door of each glad day.
When at the table "If you please"
I'll take from off my bunch of keys.
If by mistake some harm I do
"Beg pardon," and "excuse me" too.
If I some unkind word have given,
"Forgive me" and I'll be forgiven.
These keys with a golden band I'll bind,
And its motto is "Be ye ever kind."

THE REASON WHY.

"When I was at the party,"
Said Betty (aged just four),
"A Little girl fell off her chair,
Right down upon the floor;
And all the other little girls
Began to laugh but me—
I didn't laugh a single bit,"
Said Betty, seriously.
"Why not?" her mother asked her,
Full of delight to find
That Betty—bless her little heart!—
Had been so sweetly kind;
"Why didn't you laugh, darling?"
Or don't you like to tell?"
"I didn't laugh," said Betty,
"Cause it was me that fell."

—Mary E. Bradley.

Lord! I do not live where Churches grow,
I love Creation better as it stood
That day You finishea it, so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good!
I know that others find You in the light
That's sifted down thro' tinted window panes;
But still I seem to see You near to-night
In this dim, quiet, starlight on the veldt!

E. Sheppard,

Namaqualand.

An arm to aid the weak,
A friendly hand to the
friendless,
Kind words—so short to
speak,
But whose echo is endless.
The world is wide—
These things are small—
They may be nothing,
But they are all.

ASLEEP AND AWAKE.

Why, what's the matter now?
Not one word will she speak!
If she would only throw her ball,
And send me off to seek.
I love to chase a ball,
To see it roll away,
And try to hide behind a stone,
As though it were in play.
Dear mistress, tell me, please,
Have I offended you?
I do assure you, such a thing,
I never meant to do.
What can be wrong to-day?
At me she will not peep;
Pooh! I declare the silly child,
Has fallen fast asleep!

PRESIDENT.

"GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR XMAS AND NEW YEAR."

Oft repeated though the phrase may be, it gains rather than loses in sincerity as the Years succeed each other. Together with my Colleagues of the Management Committee, I am sending out the old wish to all Lyceumists.

Was it mere chance or deep thought that first framed the old formal greeting which, so soon, will be passing from friend to friend the World over?—"A merry Xmas and a happy New Year."

Merriment for a season, but HAPPINESS for the great future. Happiness is accumulative. Each Year that comes and goes adds its quota to the happiness of Life.

My wish and earnest prayers for all friends then, is, that we may retain all that the waning Year has given us that is bright and good, and look forward to a still greater HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS THAT LIE AHEAD.

Yours in true Fraternity,

J. SLIMIN.

VICE - PRESIDENT.

To all Lyceumists at home and abroad.

"Heartiest Greetings for a Happy Xmas."

May Good Will and Peace in our hearts stimulate a thought for others less fortunate than ourselves. As the New Year dawns may it find us ready to take up our work in the service of others. Although we may not have "equality" of worldly possessions, we can have "Equality of Service."

Sincerest thoughts from

LILLIE GEORGE.

AREA C.

Fellow Lyceumists and Spiritualists,

At this festive time, may you all partake of the best, and give the same in return, that the festive spirit may enter your hearts, and so stimulate your nobler gifts and instincts for the coming year, that, as a progressive Movement, we may help to usher in the new Dispensation and remould public opinion on more humane and spiritual lines.

May all in both Movements catch the new infection (*Conference Fever*) and show it in a RECORD attend-

ance next Whit-

suntide.

F. R. COOK.

AREA D.

Greetings to all, Peace shall reign; it does now unto men of Good Will. Ere another BANNER is issued that greatest of all Festivals—hailed with joy by the Child of God of all ages—"Christmas," will be here; let us all unite in unity and generate such a Mass

of Christ Spirit that it will enumerate and radiate from each to all in abundance and sufficiency to last throughout each coming year, ever keeping in memory—by control of action—our Beloved, born of earth, passed through the Gates of Death, who return again and manifest their Living Presence.

TOM ELLIS.

TREASURER.

To Lyceumists everywhere,

May I at this season of the year convey to you all my very best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I have one extra special greeting and good wish which I would like to pass on to all my very good friends who have been to so much trouble to entertain me

during my 13 years of happy duty to the Movement while on the M.C. I feel always very grateful to them. May we all try our best to make 1936 better and brighter than ever before.

W. BURROWS.

AREA B.

Happy greetings to all.

Do you expect to receive any presents this Festive Season? Yes! of course you do. Alright. Have you any old Toys, Dolls, Picture Books, etc.? You have! Good. Sort them up, along with any boots, shoes or clothes you have grown out of or are done with. THEN! see that some one not so fortunate as you, gets them. Never mind about their religion (if any). GIVE, and bring them pleasure and you will be the happier for it. Do IT NOW. Best wishes,

"GEORDIE."

AREA E.

I send my Greetings to all Lyceumists. May the coming Yuletide be a bright and merry one and in your New Year's Resolutions make our General Secretary happy, by sending for new Badges and Manuals. She waits very patiently for the P.O. to come. If you have one make a New Year's Gift to a Lyceumist who cannot afford to buy one. You will never regret it, I am sure, and so help to build up the B.S.L.U.

E. H. ROTHWELL.

The
Management Committee
Send
Greetings

WANTED: A LARGE XMAS HAMPER.

Fellow Lyceumists,

We are now approaching the close of another year, when the Christmas season begins to dispel the troubles and cares of the past months and brings with it a new spirit of gladness, brightness, and generosity towards each other.

We endeavour to create among our friends and relatives, a true sense of love and happiness by extending our Good Wishes, presenting gifts, tokens of respect and gratitude for past favours, providing the kiddies with such gifts as will make them jolly, full of spirit and excitement.

There are, however, some who are in humble circumstances which prevent them from indulging in the fullest measure of happiness and joy.

To those who are poor and lacking in a fair share of this world's goods, a Christmas Hamper is a welcome gift.

Now, I want every member of the Lyceum movement to enter into the land of make believe.

The B.S.L.U. Restoration Fund is in need of a large Xmas Hamper and I am soliciting your help.

A Hamper should contain such articles as a Turkey, Goose, Duck, Chicken, Xmas Pudding, Xmas Cake, Chocolates, Nuts, Apples, Oranges, etc., etc.

What I want you to do, is to send along a small donation, and indicate what you desire it to take the place of, e.g., Box of Chocolates, or, bag of nuts, cake, or towards the cost of Turkey; and see just what

our imaginary Hamper will contain on Christmas Day. Who will join in? All of you? Good! This appeal is made to Officers and members of every Lyceum, District Council, and the Union.

Since my last report I have received the following donations:

Bristol Lyceum (sale of flowers), 5s.; Peckham Lyceum (members' weekly pennies), £1 7s.; Mrs. P. Carter, 1s. (Birthday Greeting); J.T. (one penny per week), 4s. Total £1 17s. Thanks, ever so much, to all of you. It is very pleasing to note that there are some Lyceumists who have adopted the "penny per week" effort.

I am requested to amend the item in my last report of 10s. (per 11 Lyceumists at 1d. per week), by adding that the donation was sent per Wakefield Lyceum.

To Mrs. Carter, who is the Conductor of Bacup Lyceum, we extend hearty Birthday Greetings for January 1st, 1936.

Though you may be one year older, we sincerely hope that you will become so much younger in spirit.

To everyone I give my heartiest Xmas Greeting. May this Xmas be the Happiest yet.

Now, send along your Christmas donation to

The Secretary, B.S.L.U. Restoration Fund,

MR. J. TAYLOR,

13, Ridgefield Street,

Failsworth,

Manchester.

AREA F.

To Lyceumists everywhere:—

May I extend to you my warmest wish for a Bright and Happy Xmas, 1935. Boys and girls: May you each be the recipients of those gifts that will fill your hearts with joy and gladness.

Youth: May you feel a spirit of enthusiasm that shall urge you to *give* and take of the best that your world can produce.

To all my seniors: May this Xmas season bring to you, as recompense for your loving service and sacrifice, a comfort, and a peace that you have never previously known.

That we shall all be linked together in perfect happiness is the sincere wish of

JOE TAYLOR.

AREA H.

To Lyceums in my Area situated in London, Middlesex, Surrey, Berkshire, Essex, Hampshire, Somerset, Isle of Wight, I send fraternal greetings.

Adding their greetings to my own we extend them to all other areas in England and Overseas.

The fraternal comradeship existing between us is as a great family party meeting under one roof for Yuletide festivities. The Movement we represent is the table well laden with choice fruits, of which we are all partakers in one common brotherhood.

ALBERT E. FRUIN.

AREA G.

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were fellow-passengers and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."

In this spirit, may I extend to Lyceumists everywhere, GREETINGS, and for all;

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

LEN JOHNSON.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Lyceumists everywhere, Greetings! Christmas is almost here. We are all radiating a feeling of Peace and Goodwill. We are all looking forward with expectations to happy times at our parties. We are all hoping to have nice presents, and we are all preparing nice surprises for those we love.

To you all, then, a very happy Christmas. Enjoy your share in the great festival, and because of the happiness you have given and received, come back to routine work more determined that our Union shall be a vital force in the work-a-day world.

ANNIE MILLS.

THE REFORMATION OF REGGIE

By ALFRED G. FOWLER.

Reggie was a boy who loved to be always playing. Every night, as soon as he had swallowed his tea, he went out, and he never came in until it was too dark to play. On Saturdays and holidays it was just the same—he was always out of doors. Hence he soon became a fine runner, swimmer and climber, he was good at cricket and football; he knew the habits of all the wild birds and animals, but as for how to look after himself, he could not do it. One Saturday, his mother was ill, and no-one could get him his dinner ready, for he was an only boy, and his father was at work. So, under the direction of his mother, who was in bed, poor Reggie had to try to peel potatoes and cook for himself for once. But his efforts at cooking were failures, for he put far too much salt in the potatoes, and did not let the meat cook half long enough. When his father returned from work, he found that there was nothing ready for him, and so he was angry at having to get his meal ready after working all day.

When the summer holidays were coming, some of his friends asked Reggie to go with them to camp. In detail, they described the glorious times they had, bathing, climbing, fishing, wandering and playing. Naturally, Reggie was keen to go, for he thought this would be ideal—there would be no restraint at all. They could do just what they pleased, and there was no one to forbid them do anything they wished. His parents, too, were quite keen for him to go, for they knew that it would be a good holiday for him, and also they knew that he would have to learn how to do many things which he would not learn at home.

Of course, the boys held meetings to discuss their camp, and Reggie eagerly attended them all. They were going to a village in South Cumberland, where, within a walk of a mile or two, there was good bathing in the sea, cliffs and mountains to climb, and moors to roam upon. The camp itself was to be in a field very close to the sea. Leonard, the leader, had been there several times before, and knew the district well, so the other boys promised to put themselves entirely under his leadership, so that they knew to whom they had to look for guidance. Tom, Raymond, Cedric and Horace had all been to camp before—Reggie was the only "tenderfoot."

When they arrived in Cumberland, Reggie thought that the field would be quite near to the station. Imagine his surprise when he found that he had to help to push a handcart, carrying the tent, six kit bags, their stove and cooking gear, the "grub-box" and all the other necessary odds and ends, over a hilly road, to the field a mile away. At last they arrived there, and then he discovered that pitching a bell tent is not so easy as it looks. No sooner, however, had they got the main guys up than Leonard sent Reggie and Tom back to the station with the handcart, while the others finished pitching the tent and stowed the gear away. When he had walked three-quarters of the mile back, he began to think that camping was not the great picnic he had imagined it to be.

His tea, when they arrived back at last, cheered him up a bit, for the others who had been to camp before knew how to get a meal ready well. As soon as he had finished his tea, he got cricket things to play, but he was called back to do his share of the washing up. "There is always plenty to do at camp," they told him.

After washing up, he had to go to collect driftwood on the shore for the camp-fire, and there was very little play before he had to get water to make cocoa for supper, while the others peeled potatoes for chips. Soon he began to think that camp was nothing but hard work, and his first night out did not help to make him happy. He saw the others spread out their ground sheets and then apparently roll themselves up haphazard into their blankets, after stuffing their clothes into their kit-bags for pillows.

But when he tried to do this, he found that his toes kept peeping out and getting cold. It took several attempts to find out the way to roll himself up with his toes inside. And his pillow was hard, too, for he had left his knife and cycle-clips in his pockets and these were on top. He had to put these at the bottom, and when he finally got to sleep, it seemed no time before he was awakened. In amazement, he saw the others put on only bathing drawers, and go out to get washed.

Many things amazed him before he had finished his first week at camp. But it was not all work once the camp got settled down. He found that the other boys could all cook and wash up, and he looked very silly when it came to his turn to do these things. But he soon learned to do them; and, as his old love of play continued, he found that in half an hour the six of them would easily get finished and have plenty of time after each meal. Then, work finished, they could enjoy themselves; bathing, for they were all good swimmers, and this increased their fun immensely. Cricket and football matches filled in much of their time, as well as climbing the hills.

Best of all, Reggie liked the dark nights, when sitting around a blazing camp-fire, the whole company would come and sing for hours on end. Sometimes as many as fifty people would be there, singing vigorously to the music of an impromptu band (ukulele, mouth-organs, comb and papers, and tin lids) As they could do just as they pleased, these sing-song sometimes went on till two or three o'clock in the morning.

Time soon went on, and it seemed to Reggie that they had hardly been there two days when Leonard announced suddenly that to-morrow was their last day. There were loud groans at this, but they had to set to work to pack up.

When he arrived home, his parents were amazed at the great change in him. He was fitter and stronger than ever, and he had learned to cook and wash up. Knowing what labour this entailed, he lent a hand, instead of rushing off to play as before.

Reggie is already (in November) planning his camping holiday for next year.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD

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

Dear Guildites,

Once again I have to report that no new members have been enrolled. I don't think that means you have lost all interest in Our Guild, but I think it points to the fact that some of you might be waiting until the new fees come into operation. So in that case I expect to be very busy in the New Year.

Finances.

Last month the balance in hand was £14 14s. 11½d. and to add to that I have received 2s. 6d. renewal fee, and 2s. for new badges, which makes a total of £14 19s. 5½d. The expenditure has been 7s. 6d. for two rolls of ribbon, and 5s. 10d. for postage; so that we now have £14 6s. 1½d. left in hand.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BOYS.

Mr. Hirst, of West Melton, is the only one who has responded to my appeal for help in keeping boys busy. I am extremely grateful to you for the interest you have shown, and am sure that your ideas will be helpful to some of our Guild classes. Mr. Hirst says: "I suppose you have suggested Woodwork. I would suggest the same from Light Cabinet work to heavy articles of furniture. A perusal of *Handicrafts Annual* and *The Woodworker* (monthly) will give hundreds of ideas, from glueing the first joint to final wax or French polishing. A judicious study of wood markets will enable one to obtain the same at a reasonable price. Finished goods should show a handsome return for the Guild, either by the weekly payment system or by raffles. For example, when we first started the Guild purchased some moulding and plywood, also handles, with which I made a large tea-tray. I added a centre transfer, staining and French polishing the same. The cost, excluding French polish was 4s. 2d.; and the result of a raffle brought in 18s. and some odd coppers, which gave 14s. to the Guild for further use. Unfortunately, I have not been able to get going with any more, as yet. Anyone who has not tried it, I would mention that French polishing is an intricate business, and can also be a patience trier. Also the care and use of tools, with some, such as plane blades, wood chisels, etc. is an education in itself.

Another hobby, design drawing and transferring to lampshades. Another, bent iron work, which needs a strong table and vice, from which many useful things can be made.

These are just a few. I trust I haven't bored you with something you have already suggested; but if I can be of any service I shall only be too pleased."

So if any of you wish to make further enquiries of Mr. Hirst please write to him at 54, York Street, West Melton, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for a reply.

Guild Classes.

Chaucer Street, Nottingham are having some wonderful times now on their Guild night. The first half of

the evening is devoted to practice in singing and marching etc. Then the second half is for social games etc. Also they are having open evenings for friends, and when they wrote to me in September they had had 46 present. They feel sure that forming the Guild at Chaucer Street has opened the way to greater things and made the Lyceum very interesting to some who were getting weary.

Rotherham write to say that they opened the winter Guild season on Friday, November 1st with a social and supper for all Lyceumists, parents, and friends. They had games, dancing, and a Concert Party; and the affair was a great success. Games are being bought for use at the Guild class; and the girls are going to make some lavender dolls in crinolines, the lavender having been given by Mr. Longcake, of Scunthorpe. Any non-Guildite may attend the class on payment of ½d. per week; and when their total payments equal the Guild entrance fee they may have it back in order to join Our Guild.

York are still keeping up good attendances at their Guild class. This year the girls are taking their own work to the class, as jumper knitting is very fashionable at present.

Derby report that the Lyceum and Guild were taking an active part in the Church Harvest Festival Service. They send greeting to all Guildites.

Sick Guildites.

I told you last month that Gwen Monks had begun working; this was reported to me by Mr. Hirst, who said they had received a note at the Lyceum from her mother. Now Mrs. Monks writes to say that she is not working, as the doctor says she is not yet fit.

I have no news this month of Jean Grant, but hope I shall hear for my next article.

Guild Fees for 1936.

Please remember that on and after January 1st next the Entrance Fee for Juniors, that is, Lyceumists up to the age of 16, will be 3d. each; while those over 16 will pay the usual fee of 1s.

New badges will then cost you 1½d. each plus postage; so that you will save money if a number of you send at the same time.

To all of you.

Once again Christmas approaches, and so I send to each one of you my heartfelt and most sincere wishes. I trust that this Christmas time may be the happiest you have known, and that its joys may remain with you and yours long after the festive season has passed. May you be quick in seizing the opportunity to help another at this time, and may your heart glow with the thought that because of you someone is happier on Christmas Day! These are the wishes from

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

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

DRUMMOND.

Efforts are always a success. It is a greater thing to try without succeeding, than to succeed without trying.

BISHOP WALSHAM HOW.

Effort, honest, manful, humble effort, succeeds by its reflection upon character, better than success.

GLADSTONE.

1936
EXAMINATION
QUESTIONS.

B.S.L.U.
EDUCATION SECTION

APPEAL TO
DISTRICT
COUNCILS

“Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.”—FRANCIS BACON.

Early in September all District Councils were circularised, with a special appeal for co-operation in the Education Scheme. It is pleasing to report that 5 District Councils are making definite efforts to try to stimulate all Lyceums in their districts.

Sheffield D.C. has decided to urge all Secretaries, Conductors and Assistants to take up the Scheme. The E.C. are willing to visit any Lyceum in their district and explain all the details. The secretary is drawing up a circular on the lines of Mr. Nellist's plan (published in the December BANNER 1934) to familiarise the Lyceums with the idea of teaching the Scheme week by week.

North East Cheshire D.C. is anxious to assist any Lyceum in the district in the formation of classes, and to advise any adults who are willing to act as tutors.

Coventry D.C. has instructed its District Visitor to press the Education Scheme during his or her visits, and is definitely endeavouring to create greater interest in the work.

Manchester D.C. is circularising all Lyceums in the district with a special appeal to support the Education Scheme.

Tyne-side D.C. is also taking up seriously the question of Education Examinations.

1936 EXAMINATIONS.

It is often remarked by Lyceumists that statistics are dry, and many of us do not take the trouble even to read figures, but we must remember that the only way by which real progress can be made, is to consider the *basic facts* of any problem and build upon these facts. The following table shows some of the facts upon which we may work.

These figures are presented so that each District Council may be aware of the “response” in the respective districts, to the Education Scheme. One can see at a glance there is ample room for improvement in all districts.

FOR THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF DISTRICT COUNCILS.

District Council.	1934. No. of Lyceumists.	1935. No. of Entries.
1. Birmingham	262	—
2. Bolton	237	26
3. Bradford	251	—
4. Coventry	137	6
5. Halifax & Huddersfield	268	—
6. Leeds	642	56
7. Liverpool	420	49
8. London	891	124
9. Manchester and Salford	806	43
10. N.E. Cheshire	304	9
11. N.E. Lanes.	1172	35
12. Nottingham	602	22
13. Scottish.. ..	50	7
14. Sheffield.. ..	929	13
15. Southern Counties	297	51

16. S.E. Lanes.	495	2
17. South Wales	188	41
18. Tees-Side	708	72
19. Tyne-Side	1249	26
20. Area Lyceums	308	—
21. Over Seas	154	9

May we congratulate all the District Councils that have taken *definite action* in reference to the Education Scheme, and also hope that the above table will stimulate the remaining 14 D. Councils to follow their example and enter whole-heartedly into the question of building up the whole Scheme.

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

All Lyceum secretaries should have received the “Syllabi of Work” for the May Examinations, 1936. May I point out the additional recitations set for Grades I, II and III, and emphasise to tutors the necessity of full preparation in these recitations.

Candidates who intend entering the May Examination should, by now, have some knowledge of the work expected of them, and I would suggest that a general survey of the Manual selections and the Handbook be taken this month in preparation for January, when all last year's questions will be published in the January BANNER. These are given in order that candidates may know the type and grade of questions that are likely to be set next year. As the students gradually gain a better groundwork in the matter required, tutors may take these as a basis upon which to work, and, if possible, set similar papers each week for home work. In this way, the students will become so accustomed to answering questions of this nature, that when the examination actually takes place, no special difficulties arise. *It is absolutely necessary that students become fully acquainted with all the matter set for the particular examination*, and the best way to accomplish this is by helpful tutorships, practice in answering questions, and concentration and determination on the part of the student to “win through.”

1935 DECEMBER EXAMINATIONS.

Applications have been received from 6 Lyceums with a total of 11 candidates for the December “re-sit” Examinations. 6 Grade I, 2 Grade II and 3 Grade V. May we sincerely hope that *all* these candidates will be successful in passing the Examination with a high percentage of marks.

It is to be regretted that the remaining 21 students did not avail themselves of the opportunity of re-sitting, because the little extra effort necessary, might have saved them waiting a further 5 months, when, if successful, the next grade could have been taken.

The December Examination being a new venture, may not have been brought sufficiently before the notice of Lyceumists concerned. May I make a special point of emphasising the importance of *all* education

circulars, etc. being brought to the Lyceum Committee or full Lyceum for consideration. *Secretaries ceasing to hold the office of Secretaryship should pass all correspondence to the present Secretary.* Delay has been caused by this request not being carried out.

ORAL GRADE READER AND ORAL GRADE PRIMER.

The Oral Grade Primer can be very well utilised as a 'Children's Manual' during the Lyceum Session. There are Silver and Golden Chain recitations in which all the Lyceum can join. The method of reading alternately, Conductor and Lyceum, can be used for the questions set for Oral Grade students, Page 49, and would considerably help the young minds to grasp and more easily remember them. The 'Oral Grade Reader' is invaluable to the Group Leaders in helping them to amplify the Primer. The stories and explanations given are simple and attractive. To those who are interested in the progress of the young Lyceumists I can thoroughly recommend these books.

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.

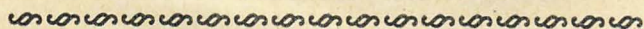
When writing for pamphlets, leaflets, etc., please send a stamped addressed envelope large enough to hold what is asked for.

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:—

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



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ANSWER TO PUZZLE No. 224.

Silver Chain Recitation, No. 10, verse 3.

THE HAPPY BAND.

Pull this Christmas Cracker with me, and read the motto within, which is:—

Friendship, mysterious cement of the soul,
Sweetener of life, and solder of society,
I owe thee much: thou hast deserved of me
Far, far beyond what I can ever pay.

Ruberrondo, Greetings,
126, Woodlands Road, UNCLE BERT.
Isleworth, Middx.



Goodness consists not in the outward thing we do, but in the inward thing we are.

CHOPIN.

INSIGNIFICANCE.

What am I? Just a humble worm
Groveling through the sod.
What know I of the Universe?
Of the wondrous pow'r of God?

Along I crawl. A thing but worth
Death, by the brutal heel
Of man, the master all must serve
Who has no heart to feel.

What am I? but a waving flow'r,
Spreading my leaves around.
Conscious of beauty near and far,
With my head above the ground.

I can see bright beams of sunlight;
I, too, can feel the breeze.
I can hear the birds above me,
And wind through the great oak trees.

What am I? but a singing bird,
Still praising our Father above.
Mine the warm note of harmony
Filling the dark world with love.

The song of earth is always there,
If man will tune his ears.
The music of life is pure and free
As it sails 'neath the open spheres.

I am a man. So mighty, bold,
To whom all others kneel.
I hold the fates within my hand;
I alone can think, can feel.

Can walk abroad, can show my skill;
Can hold the pow'r to move.
Can keep all creatures in my sway;
Can feel the glow of love.

Poor creature man! Pray, what know you
Of God's own power Divine?
What know you of the realms above?
Of the stars that brightly shine?

Just as the worm knows not the light;
The flower, the pow'r to move;
The beast, the thinking human mind
To know the gift of love.

And just as they are blind to all
The other visions far,
So, poor dull humans, are you blind
To the glory still afar.

The realm of Heaven, the world of space,
What countless forms disclose.
How blind are our poor human eyes,
What eternities we lose.

Yes! We are just like humble worm,
Still crawling on the sod.
We do not know, we ne'er have felt,
The wondrous ways of God.

MARGARET ELSIE THOMPSON,
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THE
SEASON'S
GREETINGS
TO
ALL READERS

Christmas Reflections.

And so we're come to Christmas.

During 1935 we have experienced many things. Changes have been made, alterations have been effected, but still the work goes on. We have discussed this, we have argued that, but in spite of all, or rather, because of all, we feel that our Union, one year older, is also one year richer in experience, one year stronger in unity, and one year nearer to its fulfilment.

Christmas is a time of Peace; it is a time of goodwill; it is a time when we strive to make others happy, and because of the happiness we have created we are happy ourselves.

During the whole of 1935 the Officers and Management Committee of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union have been striving hard to make you Lyceumists happy. They have been pondering over various things. They have discussed several problems, and have reached, what is to them, a satisfactory solution. They have always exuded a feeling of goodwill towards Lyceums and Lyceumists. And so, all through the twelve months which make up a year, right from the cold of the winter, to the mildness of the spring,

through the warmth of the summer, and on to the maturity of the autumn have they ever had the spirit of Christmas in their hearts and minds.

The actions and words of the whole of the Committee have been prompted by the spirit of giving, the spirit of spreading goodwill and happiness. They have ever been willing to give of their best so that the Union and its members might benefit.

And now we come to Lyceumists and Lyceums. Whilst the Management Committee have been working so hard for your good, have you been giving out as much as you have received? Have you given in service to your Lyceum in as full a measure as the Committee have given to you? Is your Lyceum stronger, richer, and better because of the goodwill and peace you have radiated during 1935?

Can I ask you all, no matter how old or how young, how big or how little, will you retain your spirit of goodwill and your spirit of Peace and happiness, long after Christmas has gone?

Will you retain your Christmas spirit of giving as well as receiving, right through 1936? Will you emulate the Management Committee's example and show them that, even as they can constantly have Christmas in their hearts and minds, so can you.

Remember, it is better to give than receive. But surely, if one is constantly receiving one cannot help but constantly give.

If Lyceumists everywhere can be prevailed upon to always have the Christmas spirit in their hearts then by the time another Christmas is with us, no matter what the vicissitudes through which the Union may have passed, it will be still another year stronger in peace and goodwill, another year sweeter for the feeling of goodwill prevalent in the Union, and our unity of heart and mind and action will be stronger because of the love and service extended universally.

FOLLOW ON.

A Doggie Story from South Africa.

I have an old acquaintance who, whenever he sees children playing "Follow my lead" or "Trains," or any similar game wherein children follow each other in single file, always follows on, taking his position at the extreme end. I have watched him many times and have thought how he would enjoy bringing up the rear of a Lyceum march! Why not?

I think the following true incident is funnier even than my old friend. We know that a rectory dog should be a pious dog, and the dog I am going to tell you of belongs to the rectory of one of Johannesburg's most fashionable parishes. It is accustomed to lie just outside the door of the Church during services, his nose on the threshold, as if to catch the exhortations of his master from the pulpit. The other Sunday evening, however, he broke his rule and actually entered the Church, taking up his position, in his usual devout and seemly way, close to the door on the inside.

While the choir filed out in procession at the end of the Service, he stood at the side with the air of an officer taking a salute at a march past.

Then, when the rector himself brought up the rear of the procession, the dear old dog fell in behind and marched sedately out of the Church!

CHRISTMAS FARE.

By *UNCLE BERT.*

My Dear Boys and Girls,

There seems to be a great deal of excitement in the air. I have an idea that we must be going to have a good time in store this month.

Switch on the Radio, Oh no! not yet, just a minute. Auntie Ruth says she wants to send you a greeting, and wishes you pillow slips full of good things for Xmas. Then enters Cousin Doris; she too wants to have a little say. Being an Athletic Secretary, she wants you to have a sporty time, and trusts you will be found in the first three in getting to your Christmas parties. She especially thinks you should have a race for getting to bed early on Christmas Eve.

Then, of course, I must add a few words to these greetings. I want all of you to have a jolly, rollicking, frolicking time. Plenty of Christmas pudding and cake, mince pies, jellies, bon bons, oranges, apples nuts, and all these sort of things which make this time of the year so seasonable.

That's that, so now you can switch on the Radio. Ah! that's good, "The depression centred over the country is going west, and rays of happiness are on their way from Fairyland." With such good omens as these, we must begin to get busy in endeavouring to make the whole world gay. First, we shall require some decorations, let's start with making paper chains, but do be careful with the glue pot.

In one home, after the children had been busy making chains, they forgot to wipe down the table, so that when their mother went to clear the tea things away she found her best linen table cloth stuck to the table.

This was not the worst thing which happened that evening, for after tea, Father settled himself down in his nice easy chair to have a quiet read. All went well until the clock chimed out eleven, then he tried to get up, but alas! was heard to exclaim: "By gum, I am stuck." Eventually he managed to release himself, but in doing so he slipped and sat on a bunch of holly which had been left on the floor. It was said that he then saw the point, but I understand the spirit of peace and goodwill conquered his injured feelings. Then there comes another bright idea from the gum pot area. One bright child having watched his mother making mince pies and sticking their lids on with water thought it would be a much better job if gum were used for this purpose. Therefore, when Mother's back was turned he experimented with his new found out theory; the result may be published later.

I did also hear that a packet of dainty coloured serviettes which were lost, were later found cut into strips and added to the decorations.

Let this be as it may, I think we will now leave this sticky mess and let our thoughts dwell on higher things. The mistletoe, for instance, it would be useless to put this on the floor. No one would want to take a mean advantage of kissing a girl when she's

down, as my boxing boys would say. They believe in making for the chin, but my advice goes even a little higher than this; but remember there's nothing like getting in the first smack. That sounds fishy, so enough said. I'll leave the rest to you.

Now what about that red coated gentleman we hear such a lot about, but never seem to catch; but, there, who wants to catch him, so long as he turns up on Xmas Eve. We can well afford to sleep peacefully and wait until the morning to see what he has left us. I know we would all like to shake hands with him and say thank you to him, but just think how much this would delay him on his journey. It might mean that he would miss some little boy and girl if we did try to stop him; so I think we shall all be very kind to him and let him do his work in his own way.

Let us now consider another side of Xmas Fare. While we all like to receive presents, I know we are all happy in being able to give. It is always pleasing to me to see children giving presents to mother and dad. They may only cost a few coppers, or may even be something they have made themselves. Unfortunately our pocket money is not elastic and therefore we can never do all we should like to.

After we have done all which lies within our power in this way, there is one very important thing I want you to remember, that is, the "Power of Thought." It has been proved many times that thoughts are things, which means that if we sent out a kind thought to someone it will help them.

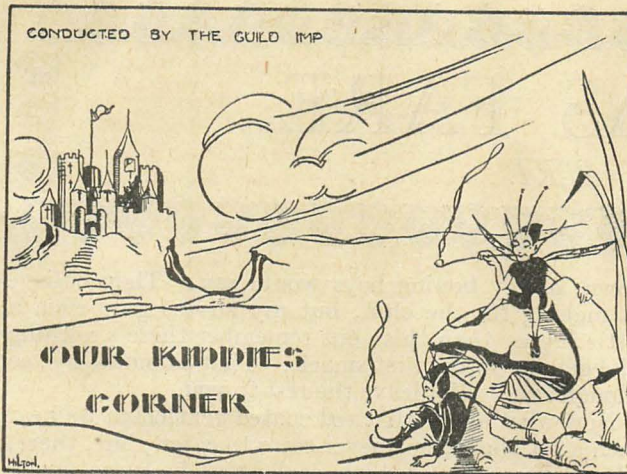
While the spirit of Christmas extends from the Royal Palace to the humblest cottage in the land, there are always some people who cannot enjoy all the fun we do. I want you to come with me to a few of these places.

First, we will visit the hospital, especially the children's ward. Here we find the doctors and nurses have done everything in their power to make the wards look like fairy palaces, but many of the children cannot romp about like you can.

Then I want you to imagine you are standing on a seaside promenade. You look through a telescope, and right away in the distance you can see a light which appears to keep going out and then coming alight again. This is the lighthouse. If we could only see inside we should find two or three men watching the safety of our ships; they are away from home, so will miss much of the excitement.

While we are enjoying all the festivities of Christmas night parties, there are a host of people engaged at work, many of them looking after our comfort. Those employed at electric light or gas works, railway men, policemen, soldiers and sailors, firemen and fishermen. To these we can extend some of these good thoughts and so help them to spend a Happy Christmas too.

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Dear Little Imps,

A merry, jolly Christmas, everybody! You are the first people to whom I have given that wish this year, because, of course, Christmas isn't just yet. Well, I shall certainly be in time with my good wishes, so that I hope they start a great big wave of all the nice Christmassy thoughts that Dec. 25th wakens each year. What a pity those same, kindly thoughts don't stay awake *all* the year. I believe they could.

Christmas may seem a long way off, but it certainly is "in the air." Shops are dressing up, and all the grocery stores are showing lots of the goody goodies which go to make up Xmas fare. That reminds me to ask, "Did you wish a little wish as you helped to stir the puddings?" And do you remember to wish for a happy month with each mince pie? You should; but, please don't have to wish so often that you become "wished up." And now for our story.

ALL IN A PUDDING.

Mrs. James decided to make her Christmas puddings. She wanted to make three puddings, one for Xmas Day, one for New Year's Day, and one to give to poor old Mrs. Thompson across the way.

Now making Christmas puddings is a very serious business. At least that is what Mrs. James had always thought, until this year. You see, in previous years, she had done all the preparing and mixing herself, just asking Mr. James to help with the last lucky stir. This year, she knew, pudding making would be slightly different, for there were Bobby and Vera to remember. The two children were staying with Mr. and Mrs. James, because their Dad had been sent out to India, and though Mum had been able to go with him, the children had to be left in England. For them that meant living with Uncle Alec and Auntie Flo,—our Mr. and Mrs. James.

One dinner time, when the children were to have a half-day holiday, Mrs. James announced, "I want to make our Christmas puddings to-day. Does anyone want to help?" Bobby gave a joyous whoop; whilst Vera cried out. "Oh, how jolly! Mum always bought her Christmas puddings. I'd love to help." "Then that is settled," replied Mrs. James. "We'll do them this afternoon." "Don't forget to leave me the last stir," laughed Mr. James as he set off for work.

As soon as dinner was cleared, the great pudding making began. The children's eyes grew round with

wonder as they saw the piles of good things that were to go into those puddings. Auntie Flo first brought out a big clean bowl, then supplying the children with overalls, they set to work. Both children wanted to turn the mincing machine, but Auntie Flo soon settled that argument by declaring that the first job was to crumb the bread. The one who did best at that, should be first with the mincing machine. That soon set fingers to work, and she smiled as she watched how eagerly and seriously each child started on its portion of loaf. Never had her breadcrumbs been made so easily before.

Bobby won that contest and gleefully started on mincing the candied peel, taking scrumptious little tastes, till Auntie provided both children with some of the candied sugar to eat instead. Next Vera minced the big raisins, whilst Bobby helped to peel and core the apples ready for their turn in the machine. Each lot as it was prepared was tipped into that big bowl. Currants, sultanas, flour, suet and sugar were all added, but funniest of all to the children was the grated carrot which Mrs. James added to the mixture. A carrot amongst so much fruit seemed a stranger to the boy and girl.

The heap in the bowl grew bigger and stickier, and Vera was just wondering however all that mixture would ever become puddings, when Mrs. James took down a big wooden spoon. She stood the heavy bowl on a stool so that the children could reach, and then said, "Now for three good stirs each and a wish for each one of us." Bobby couldn't see the sense in stopping to wish in the middle of mixing puddings, but Auntie smiled a little mysteriously as she said: "Good wishes will sweeten the puddings you know. Bobby, let us see how strong you are with the stirring spoon." Bobby took the big spoon boldly, expecting to find stirring a pudding as easy as stirring his tea. Imagine his surprise to find he could hardly move the stuff, especially as, even whilst he struggled, Auntie was adding still more items to the bowl. Eggs, spice, a little salt and some milk were joining the rest now.

After a struggle in which he spilt some of the sugar on the floor, and wished aloud for more strength, Auntie relieved him of the spoon. Both Vera and Bobby watched admiringly as, in her hands, the spoon stirred well and truly. Vera's turn was almost a simple task compared with Bobby's, and Vera very wisely kept her wish to herself.

With surprise they heard Auntie say that it was almost tea-time and Uncle Alec would soon add the lucky wish. Both children were eager to finish their tea, so that they might find out whatever this lucky wish might be. Uncle Alec was as mysterious as Auntie Flo, but, both Bobby and Vera saw him do a queer thing. Before he began to stir, he dropped into that pudding four tiny little parcels of grease proof paper. What could be in the parcels? Auntie and Uncle could only reply "Lucky wishes for lucky people," as Uncle Alec, with a strong stir, made the parcels disappear in the pudding mixture. Even when Auntie put the mixture into basins ready for boiling, the tiny parcels were not to be seen. Now both Bobby and Vera are wondering if those strange little parcels will re-appear when they eat the pudding. I think they will and I think I know what they hold. Do you?

Jolly times, Imps,

MEG.

Children's Page. Christmas Party Games

Can you Smile?

Players sit in two rows facing each other. One side tries to make those opposite smile—20 seconds is allowed. Anyone who smiles drops out and stands behind his seat. Then the other side have their turn. So the game goes on, until all are 'out.'

Are you a Mason?

The Grand Master stands at a table, and one novice at a time is led into the room and brought before him. The master talks on the solemnity of the occasion and the *ritual* begins. The Master, and the novice, is handed a saucer of water, and the novice is told to imitate all that the Grand Master does. The Master dips his finger in the saucer of water, makes cryptic marks on the underside of the saucer, and then on his cheeks and forehead. The novice imitates these—as long as he can be persuaded to carry on. Afterwards a mirror is held before him and he sees his face streaked with black marks. The underside of his saucer has previously been blacked over a candle flame, and the water in it is simply to prevent him from turning the saucer upside down and finding the secret.

Forty Ways of Getting There.

This game consists of players 'getting there,' which means crossing a given space, by different methods. No one is allowed to repeat what someone else has done. Thus, if the one walks in a straight-forward fashion, no one else is allowed to do that. There is endless scope for inventiveness; players may hop, skip, jump, roll, somersault, pretend to swim or skate, etc., etc.

One morning in September, in October last July,
The sun lay thick upon the ground, the snow shone in
the sky;
The flowers were singing gaily, the birds were in full
bloom,
As I went into the cellar to clean an upstairs room.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. If a bottle and a cork cost 1s. 1d. and the bottle cost 1s. more than the cork, how much does the cork cost?
2. If a brick and a half weigh a pound and a half and half a brick, how much do two bricks weigh?

Answers next month.

The Christmas Tree

O
The
cherry tree
in Spring time
is a thing of
beauty rare: the
peach tree in the Summer
is almost without
compare; the apple and the
orange trees are handsome in
the Fall, but the Christmas Tree
in Winter is more
beautiful than all.
In Home, sweet Home
it's planted by the tender
hands of love; it's guarded
by the angels showering blessings
from above; it's filled with
fruit from Fairy Land, by merry old
St. Nick, for dear, good, little children,
who alone from it may pick. This tree
ablaze with splendour on
the holy Christmas night
makes radiant the faces in
its golden glow of light; it shines
out through the windows on the
pure, new-fallen snow, and bids the tired
wanderer, of joy and peace to know. Hail,
Christmas Tree, of beauty and of happiness
and love. Hail tree, blest by the angels singing
anthems high above. Hail, tree with treasures laden
by good Santa Claus with glee, for little hands to gather
Hail, O Hail, the Christmas Tree.

II

PEACE ON EARTH
and
GOODWILL TO MAN

WIT AND WISDOM.

Youngster: Please, sir,
I want some bootlaces.

Shopkeeper: How long do
you want them?

Youngster: I want them
to keep, please sir.

Mrs. Meeker: I don't
take any stock in these
faith cures brought about
by the laying on of hands.

Mrs. Strongun: Well, I
do. I cured my little boy
of the cigarette habit in
that way.

Customer: I wish you
wouldn't always tell such
frightful stories. It makes
one's hair stand on end.

Barber: Exactly, that's
the idea, for then I can cut
your hair better.

BUTTER.

The dairymaid pensively
milked the goat,

And pouting she paused
to mutter,

I wish, you brute, you
would turn to milk,

But the animal turned to
butt'er.

Answer to last month's questions.

Were you right?

1. The slipper which Cinderella dropped when leaving the ball.
2. The Little Bear's Bed.
3. Little John.
4. A wolf.
5. Man Friday.
6. A kiss.

WANTED A NEW GOD

By A. BRUCE, G.N.S.C.

(Continued from November issue.)

So far we have reached only a form of ancestor-worship, but in course of time some ghosts are considered of more importance than others, also with the developments of kingship, the ghosts of the dead kings become, in time, the gods of the tribe.

Moreover; if they were good and powerful kings, they were naturally looked upon as being good and powerful gods. These gods are now thought of as more immaterial and ethereal, less human in nature, they are clothed with mighty attributes and powers.

The grave of the dead chieftain was the seed from which the mighty churches of the Modern world have evolved. At the head of the grave where the sacrificial offerings were made a rude shelter for the offerings would be built; this evolved by stages which we have not time to trace, into the St. Peters, and Westminster Abbeys of the present day. As the Gods grew in dignity and size, so also grew the shrines; many of our Churches today are claimed to be the burial ground of the saint who's name they bear.

Idol Worship which at one time arose to great importance, can also be traced to the Grave; as the gods assumed a more ethereal nature, man needed some physical copy to which to fix his attention.

The wooden stake driven into the ground at the head of the grave, and the stone placed on top to keep the dead from rising, and at which the offerings were made, were carved into crude images; and in many cases were not only worshipped as idols, but became *gods themselves*. "Jahwah" the god of the Hebrews who later became sublimated and etherealised into the modern God of Christianity, was in his origin nothing more or less than the ancestral sacred stone of the people of Israel; and in the last resort of all, the unheven grave-stone of some early Semitic chieftain.

We have now discovered the origin of the Gods but the question now arises, how has man evolved the concept of Monotheism, the Idea of one God for all the world?

Having already seen that the christian God evolved from "Jahweh," the stone god of the Hebrews, it is to these people that we must now turn.

We find that they were Polytheists, that is, worshippers of many Gods, "Jahweh" being one, and worshipped as a stone pillar.

Many of the other gods of the Israelite tribes were more shadowy and vaguely defined than the practical God "Jahweh," and they readily merged into each other in the course of time.

Moreover, the worship of "Jahweh" seems to have been common to all the tribes, which fact was not true of many of the other Gods. They believed that "Jahweh" fought for Israel, and only by trust in him could Israel hold her own against Egypt and Assyria.

The intense struggle for economic existence against her foes, created the need for a national god for all the Hebrews. Again Jahweh was worshipped as the

god of fertility; only by and through him could the Hebrews multiply. "Jahweh" was the great God of battles; we have all read in the Bible of the Hebrew practice of carrying the Ark which contained the Sacred stone before them in battle.

And finally, there was one characteristic of Jahweh worship which especially helped to make it at last an exclusive cult; thus paving the way for its final development into monotheism; "Jahweh" was specially known to be a "jealous God," he would endure no other companions gods to share his temple. Josiah, we are told, carried this reform to its conclusion, casting out all false Idol Worship, and established exclusive and triumphant "Jahweh" Worship the sole accredited Religion of Israel.

All this however was of no avail. Within 20 years of this reform, the Babylonians had on three occasions captured and sacked Jerusalem.

The temple of Jahweh was burnt; and the place left desolate and bare. In this disaster the sacred stone appears to have been lost, no more is heard of his material existence or of the ark he dwelt in. His Spirit alone survived unseen, to guard and protect his chosen people. Yet, strange to say, this final disappearance of "Jahweh" as a visible and tangible God instead of destroying his sanctity was the very making of Jahweh worship as a spiritual and monotheistic and a cosmopolitan religion.

Forbidden by Jahweh's own express command to make any image of him, he grew in Holiness and sublimity, a Dweller in the heavens, invisible to men, too high and pure for human eyes to look upon.

Our survey of the past must quickly reach its close, but first we must see how the monotheistic worship of "Jahweh" became the cosmopolitan religion of the world.

With the birth of Christ we see trade and commerce between nations growing upon a large scale. Men of different nationalities and temperament were thrown together more than ever before. Where men went, there also went their gods. The Gods of each Nationality clashed, the local and Nationalistic nature of the gods could not easily be adapted to the new conditions.

Rome was cosmopolitanising the whole known world, and the need for a cosmopolitan religion to fit the needs of the new state began to be felt. As Government was *one*, under a strong centralised despotism, it was but natural that the Religion should need to be *one* also under the rule of a similar omnipotent deity.

The creed of Jesus the Christ, spreading as it did throughout the crowded seaports of the Mediterranean with its advocacy of the one God of all mankind, with Christ as the practical God sacrifice, supplied the need, and became the Spiritual Mate of the new commercial order.

With the subsequent History of Christianity after it became the State religion of the Roman Empire, I have no space to deal; suffice it to say that it was dark, cruel and reactionary.

We have seen, then, that corpse-worship is the protoplasm of Religion; the seed from which God worship has grown.

We must also now draw the deduction that man's conception of his Gods and of religion throughout the ages, has been but the product of the prevailing environment.

Fear of the unknown has been one of the strongest

factors in man's development. Finding himself the prey of powerful, mysterious natural forces, which he could neither control nor understand, he could not do other than attribute their cause to some powerful deity, working behind the scenes. The God idea is a short cut, whereby man accounts for the unaccountable.

So ends our survey of the dim past but what of the modern world?

With the advent of Bacon in the realm of Philosophy and of Darwin in the sphere of Science, the death knell of the old metaphysical order was sounded.

The religions and philosophies of the past were built upon the *deductive method of reasoning*, upon blind faith. Truth to them was a fixed, definite and absolute quality, which could only be revealed or acquired from supernatural sources through inspiration. The use of reason and the evidence of the five senses were disposed and rejected.

The research work of the scientists in the last century struck hard blows at all previously conceived ideas. All the old notions as to life development, and human origins collapsed.

The scientific and rational method of observation and experiment, the collection of evidence from nature itself, and the use of the inductive method of reasoning established truth in the world of reality.

All ideas of spontaneous creation gave way to gradual progression from low forms to higher. The scientific mind demanded facts as a basis for belief.

The result of these was that a wave of materialism swept the earth; rationally minded men found it impossible to keep the old religious beliefs and associations.

All ideas of Faith and belief in a god and a future life were discarded.

It was at this critical juncture that modern Spiritualism made its advent; in contrast to the Christian church it did not reject and oppose the discoveries and methods of science, but accepted them.

Spiritualism—with the new knowledge of natural law as a basis, and by using the inductive method of observing natural forces at work and experimenting upon them, built up a religion and philosophy, which, for the first time in history could claim to be scientific.

Spiritualism—resting upon its rationalist basis is compelled to agree largely with agnosticism. It cannot accept the christian idea of a personal god who can interfere in the affairs of the world, or in other words, to upset the function of his own natural laws.

To its mind (spiritualism) the concept of a god in man's likeness sitting upon a throne in the heavens, dealing out divine justice, a god of love, who refuses to relieve injustice and suffering, who uses war and disease as punishment for sins that are committed through the imperfect nature of his own handiwork, listening day after day to thousands of churches, pouring out praise and thanksgiving to him, and millions of worshippers praying for help, yet evermore refusing them, the friend of the rich, forgetting the poor, is too contradictory and crude to be considered.

To us, the vast universe, held together by the operation of natural law is too majestic to be created and controlled by a god with the limitations of a human form and mind, it is too perfect to need an interfeerer with its workings.

Spiritual unfoldment is conceived to be the object of all progress. Spirit! is the key-note of the universe.

God is conceived as a central, impersonal power or spirit, radiating life and energy throughout the universe, in a similar way to the sun radiating light and heat through the solar system.

The world (matter) is the form through which God (spirit) manifests itself.

The nature of this universal spirit is infinite wisdom and love, which operates *through all things*.

“All are but parts of one stupendous whole
Who's body nature is and God the soul.”

By its acceptance of the scientific method in the search for understanding, and acknowledging the supremacy of natural law, Spiritualism has built up a religion free from the fallacies, mysticisms and traditional blind faith background of the older religions.

In short, Spiritualism makes its bow to the world as the first scientific religion, and at one blow removes the age-long barrier between science and religion.

The Union of Science to Spiritualism has resulted in a concept of divinity so highly spiritualised and beautiful that its historic background seems like an ageless dark-night of evil dreams. A concept of God that is without doubt the most perfect yet evolved by religion.

(To be continued).

FURTHER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS ON TEES-SIDE.

The Tees-side Lyceum District Council concluded its Silver Jubilee Celebrations by holding a Supper and Social on 26th Oct. in the Horden National Spiritualist Church, kindly loaned for the occasion by the Church. About 150 persons were present, many coming from considerable distances to take part in this final event. Commencing at 6-30, there was a continual round of merry-making until 11 p.m.

Probably the noisiest and most laughable event was the “Greyhound Track,” which was run off in a number of heats, the winners of each heat contesting in the final. The “greyhounds” were toy dogs moved by means of the air squeezed from rubber bulbs to which the dogs are connected by rubber tubing.

Another interesting event consisted of the “Potato Race,” in which teams of four persons competed. To each team there was a glass jar before which lay one potato for each member of the team. On the signal being given to go, one member from each team ran with a spike from the base to his particular jar, sticking the spike into the potato and shaking into the jar, returning then to the base, the next member of the team receiving the spike and repeating the performance. The winning team was that in which each member had successfully shaken his potato into the jar and returned to the base before the members of other competing teams.

A more difficult competition was that in which competitors had to compile words, the letters for which were contained in the two words “SPIRITUALIST LYCEUM.” No letter could appear in the answer words more than once unless they appeared an equal number of times in the key words. Twenty-four words comprised the competition, the clues for which were printed in bold letters on cards pinned round the room, bearing two questions each and the key words at the head. Mrs. Wilson, of West Hartlepool, and Mrs. Foster, of Easington Colliery, tied for first place in this competition with only 13 correct results.

Mrs. Ainsworth, District President, thanked all the local workers who, under the guidance of Mr. Langston (Local Secretary) had worked so hard to make the supper the conspicuous success it undoubtedly was; she also thanked the Church for the use of the premises. She went on to say that the Tees-side Council were a live wire and prepared to assist within the limits of their ability any Lyceums, new or old, which might need such help. Spiritualism was a practical religion, and called for action, not lip service. The President then cut the Jubilee Cake, assisted by the Vice-President (Mrs. Mordaunt, of West Hartlepool).

This event will live in the memory for a long time and was a fitting conclusion to the Tees-side Lyceums District Council Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

MASS DEMONSTRATION AT BIRKENHEAD.

The Liverpool Lyceum District Council held a Mass Demonstration on November 3rd at the Hamilton National Spiritualist Church, Birkenhead, by the kind invitation of the Birkenhead Church and Lyceum.

Representatives from the following Lyceums were present: Birkenhead, Chester, Daulby Hall, Runcorn, St. Helens, Warrington and Wrexham. We were glad to welcome friends from Bury and Blackpool.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Clitheroe, through illness, Mr. G. A. Mack, of Runcorn, conducted the Session. It was regrettable that Mrs. Clitheroe was unable to be present. Those present were at one in wishing her a speedy recovery to health and the Secretary was asked to forward to Mrs. Clitheroe the deep sympathy of all who took part in the Session.

The Mass Session was ably conducted and response to Mr. Mack's invitation to all to take part in the Session was eagerly accepted. Individual items were rendered by each Lyceum and the discussion upon the Readings was keen and to the point. In the absence of any other member of the E.C. Mr. Robb presented the Shield to Runcorn Lyceum. Mr. Mack suitably responded and hoped that all Lyceums would endeavour to win the Shield next year as this would mean an added interest in Lyceum work. Mrs. George, the President of the Council, was unable to be present as she was speaking at Darwen, an invitation she had accepted some eighteen months previously.

The Evening Services were conducted under the auspices of the Council, when Mr. Mack and Mr. H. Stirrup, of St. Helens, were the speakers. Mrs. Winters, an old Lyceumist, rendered Clairvoyance. Mr. Mack spoke on the question as to whether we could prove the Immortality of the Soul, and seriously suggested that it was impossible to prove that the Soul did not die. In preference to the phrase the Immortality of the Soul he preferred to use the term "the continued existence of the Soul after physical death." Only an end to eternity could prove the Immortality of the Soul while the continued existence of the Soul had been proved to speaker many times. He shewed how the Spirit people had given him information upon a certain matter which none of the sitters or the medium knew anything about. They had given him the title of a book, the name of publishers and the firm from whom it could be purchased. Mr. Mack had followed up the information and though at first thwarted he had succeeded in obtaining the copy which contained the information sought.

Mrs. Winters then gave Clairvoyance, thus proving the continued existence of the Soul after physical death.

Mr. Stirrup, in his address, spoke on the question of how God communicated to his people in the time of Jesus and his disciples. He pointed out how mediums of to-day bridged the two worlds, thus revealing God's purpose. God spake to-day, he declared, through mediumship. Were not his methods in the olden times somewhat similar? He then outlined in a characteristic manner the story of Jesus and Rebecca at the well. Just as to-day certain mediums are able to psychometrise articles, so had Jesus done likewise

when he had held the pitcher at the well. The speaker suggested that God's method of communication had not altered throughout the years. People in the past had received God's guidance and we to-day were also recipients of the Divine Revelation.

The President of the Birkenhead Church, Mr. John Thompson, who had occupied the Chair, thanked all concerned for their services and hoped that the congregation had benefitted.

It is the sincere wish of the Council that more Lyceums in the District might shew a keener interest so that a full representation of Lyceums might be present. There was no doubt, however, that all present spent an enjoyable time.

GONE HOME.

Darnall Lyceum and Church on Oct. 12th lost the material help of Miss Ivy Jones, aged 29 years, who, since the beginning of the Society in 1920, and the Lyceum in 1921, has been an earnest and consistent worker. Although never a Church Official she has held all the offices in the Lyceum, except Treasurer (this position having to be held by a householder).

As a Member of the Concert Party she has entertained at the various Hospitals in Sheffield, and helped to raise money for the Lyceum and Church.

She was Conductor of the Lyceum when we won the third prize in the Banner and Bell Competition, organised by the Council in 1934. She was leader of the Guild Classes, and an ardent Rambler.

Miss Jones's remains were laid to rest on 17th October, Mr. J. F. Smith (late Area Representative), officiating. Tributes were paid by Mr. Newton, Lyceum Secretary; Mrs. Bruce, Treasurer, Sheffield L.D.C. The Church President and Secretary, and two members acted as bearers.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, October 20th, when tributes were again paid to her good work.

The family wish to thank everybody for their messages of sympathy, and floral tributes. Letters were too numerous to answer individually.

CARDIFF FIRST LYCEUM.

47TH ANNIVERSARY.

Our 47th Anniversary proved to be a record in several ways. Our Lyceumists, under the Conductorship of Mr. F. A. Williams, proved conclusively that the work of the past year has been well done. The service opened with Hymn No. 328, which went with a good swing, and greatly added to the harmonious feeling of love and contentment that pervaded through all the service.

Musical items, recitations, G.C.R., Connective Readings, etc., were rendered by the following Lyceumists,—Master J. Lyddon, Mr. Jack Williams (Asst. Con.), Mr. Jack Boyes (Treasurer), Mr. Arnold Boyes (Guardian), Miss Eileen Hackman, Maureen Edwards, Barbara Dittmer, May Dunn, Alwen Tucker, Stella Reed, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Pryce. All Lyceumists gave a Pearl.

The Education Examination Certificates were presented by our Resident Minister, Mr. George Harris,

with a few well chosen remarks, and he stated it was a pleasure to present certificates to the Lyceumists, and a further pleasure to note that all had passed.

There was a record attendance of Church members and visitors, and it was worthy of note that the Church was packed to its utmost capacity. The feeling was one of happiest joy and a high tone of enthusiasm pervaded the Anniversary.

A. P. SILBY, Sec.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The above Council held its Monthly Meeting at the Windhill Lyceum on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 1935, when four Lyceums sent delegates and there were also present two Associate Members and four Officers, making a total of 12.

The Agenda was gone through in nice time. It was decided to order one dozen LYCEUM BANNERS. At the close of the meeting the Windhill friends had provided a splendid tea, to which full justice was done.

In the evening we had a splendid time, as it was the Presentation of the Shield to Windhill, the winning Lyceum. The presentation was made by our President, Mr. H. Slater. On behalf of the Council he made a presentation of a Book to our Adjudicator, Mr. A. Midgley, of Keighley. The Hall was full. Lyceumists and friends in the district came in good numbers and we had a great time. The Windhill Lyceumists and friends surpassed themselves for the comfort and enjoyment of all, and our thanks are due to them for the really splendid time we had. Our President worked hard for the enjoyment of the younger members of the Lyceum, and I am sure that everyone went home tired but happy in thought that again something had been done, and in the spirit of being never tired of doing for the Lyceum Movement and the Children's Cause.

H. HARGREAVES, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The last Quarterly Meeting was held at Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, on Sunday, Nov. 10th, when there were present six delegates, representing five Lyceums, four Officers and one Fraternal Delegate.

A letter was read from Queen's Road Lyceum, stating that the Lyceum had had to be closed because of lack of support.

It was reported that the balance in hand and bank amounted to £1 11s. 4d.

The statistical returns from five Lyceums showed a decrease of three on books.

It was decided to put the Pooling Scheme into operation, and also to ask Churches in the district to adopt a Rota Scheme for D.C. Meetings.

It was also decided that we drop the idea of an Open-Air Demonstration, and that we dispense with Adjudication Scheme for 1936.

Preliminary arrangements for M.C. Meeting in October, 1936, were left in the hands of Officers.

All Lyceum Secretaries are asked to return Nomination Paper for Election of Officers for 1936 to the D.C. Secretary not later than January 13th, 1936.

A hearty vote of thanks to Ramsden Street Church and Lyceum for their hospitality brought the meeting to a close.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Conference will be held at Grove Road, Hems-worth, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 1935., 3-30 p.m.

Agenda:—Opening Exercise; Invocation; Welcome; Roll Call; President's Address; Minutes; Reports; District Visitor's, Fraternal Delegate, L.D.C., Treasurer's, Interchange Conductors; Field Day and Demonstration, 1936 (Invitation); Associates, L.L.D.C.; B.S.L.U. Restoration Fund (Socials Council Fund); Open Council; Date and Place of A.G.M.; Vote of Thanks.

Delegates please note important business. Suggestions, Sheffield Lyceum D.C. Associates cordially welcome. Tea provided.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Liverpool Lyceum District Council held its Quarterly Meeting on Nov. 9th, by the kind invitation of the Warrington Church and Lyceum. Mrs. George, President, was in the Chair and rendered the Invocation.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the continued illness of Mrs. Clitheroe. Wishes for a speedy recovery to health were expressed, and sympathy was extended to Mrs. Clitheroe. The Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Clitheroe to this effect.

Secretary reported on the Mass Session held at Birkenhead. D.V. stated that he had visited St. Helens Lyceum and gave an account of their Session.

Treasurer's Report on the financial side shewed that the Council was not in a very healthy position.

Agreed that we should find ways and means to cut down unnecessary expenditure and that "Administrative Economy" be the subject for considerations of Lyceums.

Congratulations to Runcorn on winning the Shield.

Consultative Conference. Passed that we have such a Conference and that Mrs. George be the speaker. Time and place to be taken back to Lyceums for their consideration.

Agreed that we shall have another Shield Competition next year. Mr. J. Taylor be asked to again be Adjudicator. Eisteddfod to be held, on June 13th, 1936, and Wigan are to be asked to invite the Council. Will all Lyceumists please note that suggestions will be welcomed by the E.C., who are to make arrangements for the Eisteddfod.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Runcorn on Feb. 8th, 1936.

REGINALD ROBB, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

From North, South, East and West Lyceumists and Church members gathered together at the Carnival Dance of the London Lyceum District Council and London District Council, at Holborn Hall, Nov. 9th. There were lawyers, schoolmasters, Chinese men and women, Abyssinians, Indians, the old and new Crusaders, a number of people from the past ages, in stately dress, chefs, flower sellers, minstrels, characters from nurseryland, and advertising magnates, a child learner, to a lady with her head tucked under her arm.

From these characters, Mr. and Miss Moffat judged the winning costumes, their services being greatly appreciated.

The social and financial success of this effort was largely due to the energetic labours of Mrs. Petz and Miss Sarfas and their joint committee, plus the ready support of over 400 dancers and friends who attended.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

T. Vincent Dean, Esq., the Chairman at our Mass Session (Oct. 27th, Mechanics' Hall), said that he had been very much impressed that afternoon with the beauty of the naming ceremony, and particularly with the way we trained our young people.

This was a fitting tribute to an excellent session. All who took part acquitted themselves well.

Miss C. Taylor-Wagstaffe performed the naming ceremony under a bower of flowers and greenery, giving the name of Leonora, together with the spirit name of "Hope," to the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Johnson.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth Temple, on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 1935, delegates and associates from Reading, Southampton and Portsmouth Temple attending. The President, Mr. Jackson, Reading, was in the Chair.

The introduction of this procedure of holding the business meeting on a Sunday afforded keener interest, enabling all to take a part in the Afternoon Session, and created a greater interest at the evening Service.

Arising from the correspondence it was agreed to ask for the co-operation of the Church's D.C. in linking all Lyceums attached to the Area Churches, hoping by this means to create greater interest in the Area.

Arising from the Treasurer's Report, resolutions were passed expressing thanks to Portsmouth and Reading Churches for their generous donations.

In her report, the D.V., Mrs. Moule, gave details of the opening of new premises for the Reading Church, expressing the hope that the enthusiasm then displayed would continue.

Mr. Fruin, the Area Representative, gave an appreciative report dealing upon Fusion, the BANNER, Restoration Fund, Badges, Knight Crusaders, and Greater World Sunday School Manual.

Great thanks were recorded for the kindness of the Local friends in catering for our needs during the day.

H. C. GUY, D.N.S.C., Sec.

DISTRICT VISITOR'S REPORT.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Oct. 6th. Quarmby. A very good Session. Good singing, questions and pearls.

Oct. 6th. Peter Street. This was Harvest Festival and the real spirit of festival was shown in all ways. The abundance of flowers, fruits and other gifts seemed to infuse into all the spirit of love and good fellowship. The children were splendid and pearls and recitations were many and well given. The singing and marching were good. This is a good Lyceum.

B. LEE, D.V.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

BLACKPOOL, Albert Road.—We held our Anniversary Sessions on Sunday, Nov. 10th. Recitations were given by the Lyceumists. Solo by Mrs. Howarth. Mr. Carter Conductor afternoon and Miss N. Bates in the evening. 8 p.m. meeting conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell, Mr. Eatock in the Chair. A pleasant day was spent.

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, we held our Anniversary Tea and Concert. Sketches and recitations were given by the following Lyceumists:—Eunice Hough, May Moore, Teddy Walsh, Harry Walsh, Ilene Long, Kenneth Howarth, Edward Webster, Frank Webster, John Connor, Peter Connor, Arthur Connor, Edith Connor, Joan Reay, Marie Reay, Edward Reay, Sylvia Higson, Vera Higson. Character songs: Albert Bates. Humorous sketch by Jack Townsend, Mr. Howarth and Elsie Lund. Recitation by Mrs. Waring. Soloists: Miss May Moore and Mrs. Howarth. Mr. Howarth, Mr. Connor and J. Townsend were the Producers. Miss Whitfield the pianist. Tap dance and song, Ada Cherrworth. A very good concert.—E. H. Rothwell, Sec.

LEWISHAM.—Nov. 10th, we celebrated a 'Naming Service' on Doreen Mary (Flowers of Joy), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn. Six Lyceumists formed pretty floral arches. Uncle Bert officiated. Sixty present, including L.L.D.C.—E. Last, Sec.

WINNIPEG, First Spiritualist Church Lyceum.—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, we held our Harvest Festival Service, when pearls, songs and recitations were rendered by Mr. H. Forrest, Mr. V. S. Orchard, Mr. Wm. T. Brown, Mrs. J. Parkinson, Mrs. E. Barber, Mrs. A. Sharp, Miss M. Anderson, Raymond Parkinson, Betty Winters, Florence Greenwood, Margaret Davie, Joan, Edith and Eileen Nichols, Marion Whitehead, Marguerite Kinghorn and Hazel Dale.

Sunday, Oct. 6th, we held our Open Session. There was a large attendance, and pearls and recitations were rendered by members present.—O. Forrest, Sec.

AROUND OUR LYCEUMS

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ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We are busy organising a Turkey Tea, in conjunction with the Church, and making preparations for our Annual Coffee and Bun Day. We shall also shortly be having our Prize Presentation; so that our Christmas and New Year time will see us all very active. The Season's Greetings to all Lyceums.—W. Taylor, Sec.

ASHTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 17th, we held our Open Sessions and spent a very helpful and enjoyable time together. At the evening Session Mrs. Edwards, our Council President, presented certificates and Guild Badges to those who had been successful in the Education Scheme exams., and also the Council prize to three of our members for gaining the highest number of marks. Out of nine entrants we gained five distinctions and four first classes, a record to be proud of.—A. Booth, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session held Nov. 3rd. Conductor, Mrs. Carter. Pearls: William Ashworth, Joe Aspden, Mrs. Halsall. Reading: Joe Aspden. Solos: Mr. Halsall, Molly Patchett, Lillian Ashcroft, Mrs. Carter. Duets: Edna Taylor, Evelyn Aspden; Mr. Halsall, Mr. Ashcroft; Joe Aspden, Harry Salt. Quartets: Joe Aspden, William Ashworth, Pery Kemp, Douglas Clements; Dennis Holinsworth, George Ashworth, Kenneth Halstead, James Taylor.—S. Carter, Sec.

BRADFORD, Milton.—Open Session, Nov. 3rd. Songs, duets, readings, recitations, by the Lyceumists. A happy, instructive session.—Mrs. Fowler, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Nov. 10th (Peace Sunday), our Open Session commenced with Hymn No 215. Marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. Heath. Individual items were given by Jean and Kathleen Clements, Jack Smith, Irene Hobster, Shirley Widdowson and Lilian Riggott. Pearl by Mr. Campbell and a solo by Avis Bown. This enjoyable session closed with Hymn No. 423.—S. Hobster.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3rd, conducted by Miss Johnson. Invocation given by Mrs. Webb. The following Lyceumists took part: Mrs. Maltby, Mrs. Ball, Betty Maltby, Leonard Middleton, Doris Dunning, May Taylor and Bernard Smithson. We spent an enjoyable Session.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 3rd, when recitations were rendered by E. Greenhalgh, E. Clark, Mrs. Bradley. Songs: Mr. Bradley, G. Moorby, G. Blackburn, Ladies of the Liberty Group. Session enjoyed by all.—Miss Smith, Sec. (pro. tem).

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session, Nov. 10th, the following taking part to make it a success: S. Johnson, A. Sumner, K. Whittle, M. Taylor, Mrs. W. Taylor, M. Pickvance and F. Pickvance. An enjoyable time was spent.—Miss E. Shaw, Sec.

HORWICH.—On Oct. 27th we held our Open Sessions, which were well attended. Questions were responded to by our young Lyceumists. Solos and recitations were well rendered. We had with us Mr. J. Barnett, of Collyhurst, Manchester, who conducted the remainder of the services. Thanks to all who made it a success.—E. A. Vernon, Sec.

LANCASTER, Bulk Road.—Open Session, Nov. 3rd. Recitations and songs were given by the following:—H. Dennison, K. Jennings, G. Robb, M. Bleasdale, M. Dainty, M. Dodd, M. Lake, E. Lake, B. Thompson, I. Nash, A. Eddlestone.—A. Stephenson, Sec.

PARKGATE.—At the Church Harvest Festival service our Lyceumists helped to make them a success, by giving a Processional entitled, "Sowing." Children carried baskets of fruits and flowers, etc., and sang with very pleasing effect. On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, Open Session, the following giving recitations. Charlie Lund, Neil Cooper, Clifford Nelson, Derek Belton and Mabel Wood.

On Sunday, Nov. 10th, we had Peace Sunday as per the BANNER, when the following spoke a few words: Mr. E. Belton, Mr. F. R. Cook, Mr. J. H. Gothard, Mrs. W. Mitchell, and Mrs. Oates. We had a good meeting.—J. H. Gothard, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—The S.D.C. held its quarterly meeting at this Lyceum on Nov. 3rd, and after all business had been attended to, the E.C. and Delegates joined us in our Open Session, when several items were rendered by adults and children. We were privileged to have Uncle Bert, who brought greetings from the M.C. The evening platform was occupied by the President, Sec., and D.V. of the Council. A most harmonious day.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session, Nov. 3rd, the children rendered recitations and pearls, and the morning was well spent.—B. Nickolaus, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Woodseats. At our Lyceum Session on 10th November our Marching Conductor, Mr. Romanes, called for a volunteer to conduct in his stead, which was answered by Mavis Fox, one of our young Lyceumists. All credit is due to Mavis for the able manner in which she conducted both marching and calisthenics and we hope she will be as willing and able to do her share for the Lyceum Cause when she grows to womanhood as she is now. Session conducted by Mr. B. Furniss, Asst. Conductor.—V. Spooner, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 27th, we held our 24th Anniversary Services. Each year the Church is handed over for the whole day to the Lyceum, who conduct the services throughout the day. This year, the addresses were given by Mr. H. C. Guy, D.N.S.C. The services, morning and evening, are conducted as Lyceum Sessions. Junior and Senior Lyceumists taking the various readings, etc. In the afternoon, at the Open Session, many visitors were welcomed, including Lyceumists from Portsmouth and Shirley. Good wishes and fraternal greetings were received from other Lyceums in the southern area. The key word for pearls was "Lyceum."—E. W. Long,