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HOW TO LEARN EASILY.

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IN my last talk I showed how time and energy might be saved by using one's habits to the best advantage. Now I want to give you a few hints on how to memorise with the least amount of trouble.

First of all we must remember that all our past experiences tend to reproduce themselves by one or more of three different ways: perseveration, association, and by memory images.

Perseveration may be thought of as being the reproduction of past experiences by themselves, and the 'running of a tune in the head' is a most common example of perseveration.

More important as a help in what we might call 'deliberate' learning as opposed to 'accidental' learning, such as we experience in the case of a tune running in the head, is what is called 'association of ideas.' Have not we all at some time or another been talking to someone and then have said suddenly: 'Oh! That reminds me . . .?' Some word, or phrase, or action, used in one sense has reminded us of something quite different. In more exact language, we should say that there was an associative link between the two experiences. Just try this little experiment for yourselves and you will then be quite clear as to what is meant by the association of ideas. Take, for instance, the word 'dog' and write down for one minute every word that comes into your mind. Here are the first few that came into my mind as I did the experiment: dog, kennel, house, road, town, country, and so on. Do you get the idea? Well, each of these words is connected to the next by an associative link. Thus, a dog lives in a kennel; a kennel is a sort of house; houses are built along roads; and so on. So here is the first hint. The next time you have to learn anything, particularly if it happens to be a string of items, such as dates, which have no particular meaning by themselves, look for, and if necessary create, an association between items. If you like, weave them into a little story or verse, never mind if it appears to be just nonsense, anything so that when you are told, or remember one item, the remaining ones come flooding into your mind.

The third way by which experiences tend to reproduce themselves is by what are called 'memory images.' Most people have some sort of memory imagery, though naturally some have it more strongly developed than others. Memory images corresponding to each of the senses can be obtained, thus we can have visual images from the sense of sight, auditory images from the sense of hearing, olfactory images from the sense of smell, gustatory images from the sense of

taste, and kinaesthetic images from the sense of movement, particularly from the movements which take place within the throat when we speak. Naturally, since the sense of sight is our preferred sense, more people get visual images than any of the others, and these people are able to reproduce 'in their mind's eye' those experiences they wish to recall. Children have this form of imagery particularly well developed, and many of them, when asked to 'say a piece of poetry' just get a visual image of the page upon which it is printed and proceed to read the words from it.

You can easily test yourself to see what type of imagery you have, if, when you read the following words you will note exactly what flashes into your mind, and whether you can see, hear, smell, or feel it. Thus, if I give you the word 'sand-paper,' do you "see with your mind's eye" a sheet of sand-paper, or can you "smell" its 'gluey' odour, or can you 'feel' its roughness? If the first, the imagery is visual, if the second it is olfactory, and if the third then it is tactual. Now do the experiment with the following words: grass, bugle, velvet, ammonia, sugar, pin prick, warm bath, throwing a ball, St. Paul's, linen, piano, onion. It is probable that you will find that you will use several different kinds of imagery when going through this list, but your main type of imagery will be given by the type you use most frequently. Do not be surprised if you find that you cannot draw upon any type of imagery for some, or all, of these items—some people have little or no imagery, though on careful examination it is found that very few have none at all.

Having ascertained your predominating type of imagery how can it be of help in lightening your work of learning? Well, by using it! Thus, if you have visual imagery you will learn most easily by *seeing* what you are to learn rather than by hearing it—so get the book with it in, make written notes, draw diagrams or pictures, anything so that when the time comes for recalling the task you may have something to bring to your mind's eye. If, on the other hand, you have the gift of auditory imagery, you must *hear* the passage, either by listening to the teacher reading it, or by saying it softly to yourself. Then, on recall, you will be able to hear with your 'mind's ear' the voice of your teacher, or yourself, repeating the passage word by word.

When Tommy learns a piece of poetry he learns it line by line, repeating each many times. This is the most extravagant way of learning. The best way is

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Conclusion

By J. SLIMIN, A.N.S.C.

An outline of rules and suggestions for the conduct of meetings, especially those held under the auspices of the Lyceum and Spiritualist Church Movements.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

IN this concluding article of our series it may appear that we are wandering beyond the strict limits of the subject which the title of the article implies. "Officers' duties," it may be argued, does not come under the purview of "Procedure and conduct of meetings." We may point out, however, that thorough acquaintance with the duties and requirements of the various positions held by those who are most responsible for the efficiency and smooth running of any Society or organisation is a valuable asset to that Society or organisation.

Willingness to serve a cause is, of course, the first and most vital necessity in the officers of any voluntary organisation, but the most willing worker if he is content to 'blunder through', will, sooner or later, prove himself a hindrance rather than a help to the body he serves.

It is only possible in this series to deal with our present subject on broad, general lines, as so many variations in detail must necessarily occur consequent on the conditions and circumstances under which various Officers must execute their duties. There is a 'basis of business' which can be helpful in all cases and we will endeavour to confine our hints and suggestions to that basis.

THE PRESIDENT.

We have dealt in previous chapters with the position, duties and requirements of the President as Chairman and further comment along these lines is unnecessary.

In Limited Companies, Friendly Societies and other organisations which are run principally for business purposes or on commercial lines little more than efficient chairmanship is required in a President. In other bodies however, whether national or local in character, and even in Branches or other units, where social and/or religious activities are of primary importance, other qualities must be considered.

In such cases the President, in conjunction with his fellow Officers, should be the leader and at the same time the servant of the Society. He, or she, is the principal Officer and it must be borne in mind that in the eyes of the public, the Society or organisation is invariably judged by the actions and demeanour of its Officers.

The President then; and these comments are applicable whether the body presided over be Church, Lyceum, Sunday School, District Council or other Branch, Society, Union or National organisation; should strive to:—

- (1) Guide but never drive. (An office-loving, incompetent President and dictator-ruled Body are equally contemptible.)
- (2) Make himself thoroughly acquainted with and be sympathetic towards the aims and objects of the Body he serves. (District or 'Local'

Presidents should also study carefully the rules and aims of the 'parent body'.)

- (3) Give all help, advice and service yet be prepared to accept certain curtailments of individual freedom of speech and action where the policy and welfare of the organisation are involved.
- (4) Be prepared to preside at all meetings and insist that they be conducted in a manner upholding the honour, dignity and effectiveness of the organisation.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

The position of Vice-President is in too many cases regarded as a mere office without definite duties. Many organisations have a list of honorary Vice-Presidents whose sole qualifications and functions are that their names add weight and influence and their cheque books afford a certain amount of relief from financial worry.

In real 'working' Society, however, the V-P can and should be a valuable addition to the executive body. In addition to his value in committee the V-P should be looked upon as a capable 'first reserve'. He is the President's right-hand man and may at any time, in the event of the President's absence or incapacity, be called upon to undertake presidential duties and responsibilities. It follows, therefore, that all the requisite qualities already enumerated as being advisable in the President should be emulated by the Vice-President.

His is often an unrecognised and thankless position but conscientious service and a judicious exertion of personal influence will generally bring both recognition and thanks in due time.

THE SECRETARY.

We are not concerned here with the Secretary in a highly technical sense. Those who occupy salaried secretarial posts are expected to be trained for the particular work undertaken and should be fully acquainted with all these articles contain.

We are dealing here rather with the man (or woman) who voluntarily performs the Secretary's duties for a small Society or organisations.

The Honorary Secretary is, of necessity, the 'practical' worker in any organisation and, more than with any other Officer or member, the success of the organisation depends on his/her efficiency, tact and enthusiasm. We have already stated that the public judges an organisation by the actions and demeanour of its officers and it must be remembered that the Secretary is the officer most in touch with the general public.

Attention to correspondence is perhaps the most important of his duties and he should spare no pains to keep himself well up to standard as a correspondent. Much could be written on this topic but, for the present, we must perforce confine ourselves to an enumeration of some of the more important duties

the Secretary may be called upon to perform and for which he should strive to prepare himself.

- (1) Receiving and answering all correspondence. (This often involves using great discretion as to which letters etc., should be referred to the Officers and Executive Committee and which dealt with on the Secretary's own initiative.)
- (2) Calling and making arrangements for all Committee and other meetings and preparing agendas for same.
- (3) Taking notes of all business transacted at meetings, compiling same into minutes and entering them into the appropriate Minute-book. (To the novice the preparation of Minutes is no easy task and careful study of the published Minutes of well-known and highly organised bodies is advised. Minutes are an itemised record for future reference of business actually transacted NOT a full report of all *said*. "Brevity combined with accuracy" should be the Secretary's motto with regard to Minutes.)
- (4) The periodical preparation and presentation of reports of the society's progress to the E.C. or General meetings.
- (5) Preparing for and organising special functions or events except where a Special Committee is elected for such purpose.
- (6) The prompt dispatch on any appointed dates of all accounts, forms, notices etc., necessary for the conduct of the business side of the Organisation.

This does not by any means exhaust the list of Secretarial duties but will serve as a useful guide to the beginner. Experience and a willingness to learn will soon enable him to meet others as they present themselves.

THE TREASURER.

It is sometimes affirmed that all that is required of a Treasurer are honesty and reliability. This is only true when the term reliability is given a very wide significance.

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial transactions of the Society. He is a collector and distributor and a good share of tact and business acumen are necessary to ensure a maximum of distribution. His duties, whilst not necessarily heavy, call for accuracy and careful and prompt attention to detail. It should not be deemed necessary that a Treasurer should know book-keeping in all its branches but the office should never be accepted by a person with little or no knowledge of the subject. Ability to keep a true and verifiable account of all cash transactions and to prepare a balance sheet for presentation to the Annual Meeting should be demanded not only for the sake of the organisation but for the sake also of the Treasurer himself.

In concluding this series of articles the writer expresses the hope that they may have aroused some interest in a subject that generally does not receive the attention it deserves. They do not pretend to be exhaustive but an attempt has been made to deal with all the important aspects of the subject in broad outline. If further details are desired by any 'Banner' reader the writer will gladly render all the help he can give in reply to communications addressed to him through the Editor.

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to read the whole passage through, trying to see first of all the sequence of the ideas contained in it. Having got a notion of what the piece is about with the ideas in their proper order, then read it through once more. Then try to repeat the passage from memory. You won't get far, and as soon as you can remember no more, read the whole passage through once more. Then test yourself. Then read. Then test. Each time you will get a little further, and finally, by the procedure of reading and testing, you will be able to repeat the whole. If you do not believe the efficacy of this method just try this experiment. Select two sonnets of about equal difficulty. See how many repetitions you need when you learn one of the poems line by line, and how many you need when you learn the other by the method I have just told you. Then try to write out both poems a week later and you will be able to test your accuracy of reproduction by comparing the number of errors you make in each.

If you have a very long passage to learn, then you may break it up into sections of about twenty lines each and learn each part as a whole by the method I have indicated. Take care in this case that the last five lines of the first section form the first five of the second section. These form the links between the sections and are most necessary if you are going to be able to fit the whole together in its correct sequence.

Finally, experiments have shown that it is better to make a few repetitions on each of several days, never mind whether you can repeat the passage correctly or not, than it is to learn the whole passage by many repetitions at one sitting. It has been shown that the most economical method of learning (i.e. that requiring fewest repetitions) is to read the passage to be learnt once daily on consecutive days. Of course this method has a slight disadvantage that several days must elapse before you know the passage, but, at any rate, it may be taken as a rule that many short periods of learning are better than one long period.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

We met at Healey Bramall Lane Society under the Presidency of Mr. H. Heath, of Chesterfield. A rather better attendance than of late greeted our new President.

Peace seemed to be the topic of the day. Council approved, in principle, a resolution to be forwarded to the Conference. This was the subject of a Liberty Group discussion after the ordinary Lyceum Session. Mrs. Thorpe gave further details of the International Peace Campaign that is to take place in Sheffield, and which the Council are supporting. Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. Le Noury were appointed as delegates to a Pacifist Convention to be held in Sheffield on the 23rd of April. Mr. A. Bruce, G. N. S.C., wound up the day's interest by his speech at the Propaganda Service on the subject "Spiritualism and Modern Problems."

The Council approved of the idea of a Fraternal Representative, and decided to ask Mr. F. R. Cook, our late President, to accept this. The meeting also approved in principle of the composite fee for the Affiliation Fee and the Lyceum Banner.

The Executive have been attempting to make some arrangements for more Propaganda Meetings. Regarding correspondence to Churches the Secretary has given instructions to send all copies of letters for meetings by the Council, or E.C., to the Secretary of the Church and the Lyceum.

The Propaganda Service at night was well attended, and Mrs. Thorpe took a rather fresh line on the aspect of child teaching in the Lyceum.

We are grateful for the continued enthusiasm of delegates, associates and friends for the furtherance of the movement.
—James Le Noury, District Sec.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD

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

Dear Guildites,

As I am writing this article very early in the month, it will only include those new members enrolled up to the 9th. So here is the list of new members to welcome into our midst:—

- 25 Mr. E. T. Holding, Blackburn.
- 26 Mrs. J. Greenwood, Hebden Bridge.
- 27 R. D. Monks, Horwich.
- 28 Mrs. W. Burrows, Halifax.
- 29 Mrs. L. George, Liverpool.
- 30 Mrs. Grieve, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 31 Miss B. Holmes, Barrow-in-Furness.

Others, who were members last year, have written for enlightenment on the subject before re-joining. If you had read your BANNERS you would have found the answer to your question yourselves. So please hunt up your BANNER for last November, where these words appeared in print:—"The revised Aims and Rules for Our Guild, which will come into operation on Jan. 1st, 1938. That means that on that day there will be no Guild members until Lyceumists send in *new application forms*." This idea was repeated in other words in December:—"For remember, we begin again on Jan. 1st, and the only members on the Guild register at the moment the New Year begins will be our Guild members in Spirit; and you others will be enrolled as your forms arrive, and new numbers be given in strict rotation." Again in February you were told, "—actually there are no Guildites at the present moment. Your membership ran out on the last day of last year—"

I hope, by repeating the above, that I have managed to make it quite clear that if anyone wishes to be a Guild member he or she *must* re-join. This has been done so that former Guildites have a choice; for now you may join as an Associate (fee 1s. per year), and so be an individual member; or you may be one of the Lyceumists forming a Guild Branch (fee according to numbers).

If you have not received a copy of Our Rules and Aims, and an Application Form, please write for some to the address below; or, better still, ask me for one at Conference.

Finance.

The balance in hand last month was £7. 12s. 3½d. I have received 7s. in Associate Fees, and spent 2s. 6d. on postage; so that now our balance is £7. 16s. 9½d.

To all of you.

As yet I have received no response to my appeal for pen friends for two of our young folks, but I hope there will be a letter before long. If you feel you would like to write to one of them do not hesitate any longer, for many are the advantages to be gained by writing to other folks. I happen to know what I am talking about, for I have had a pen friend since 1913. I began to write to a French girl of my own age, who

lived in Paris, and we corresponded regularly until she passed away in 1919. Since then I have written to her mother, who is very proud when she can put an English word in her letter. If any of you get half the joy that I have done from my pen friends, both at home and abroad, you will have reason to be very thankful.

R.S.P.C.A.

I promised to tell you more about this way of putting one of our aims into actual practice. Members of the Junior Division should be between the ages of eight and eighteen. Members are expected to try to make themselves familiar with the needs and habits of animals and birds, and to take an active interest in their welfare. In order to become a member you must get a form and sign a promise that you will be considerate to animals and try to do a good turn to an animal or bird whenever possible. This form of application may be obtained from 105, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1, or from the Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. Branch, if you have one in your town. When you have signed the form and returned it, you will receive a card of membership, suitable for framing. There is no money to be paid, though each member is expected to take the magazine, "Animal Ways," each month.

So, if you feel at all interested, write to the above address for further information on the subject, and for a copy of the Magazine, price ¼d.

To all Guildites.

The idea has arisen in some quarters, but how I do not know, that *only* Lyceum secretaries may write to the Guild Leader. This is quite an erroneous idea, and there are no grounds whatever for it. *Any* Guildite is quite at liberty to write to me; for I fear, if it were left to secretaries, I should never hear from some. So get busy with your writing, and if you feel you must unburden yourself on someone, write to me, for it will be as safe as with the Sphinx of Egypt.

To Delegate Guildites.

Once again Conference draws near, and once again I am looking forward to meeting you in person. So here again is my yearly request: please make time to have a few words with me during the week-end.

All good wishes to each one of you from

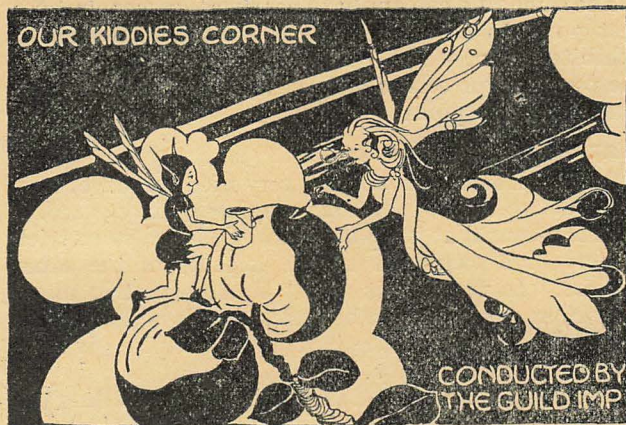
The Guild Leader,

28, Moorlands Place, GLADYS HALLIDAY,
Free School Lane, Halifax.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

On April 3rd a Massed Session was held in the Mechanics Minor Hall, at which Mr. Johnson, the late President, presided, and Mrs. Johnson, the late Secretary, made the presentation of the Silver Shield and Silver Bell, to Sherwood Street and Progressive Lyceums, respectively gaining the highest marks in the competition.

Adjudication was ably carried out by Mr. Dobby, of Lincoln, who expressed a few kind words, giving each Lyceumist encouragement to go forward and try to achieve next year the highest standard for their Lyceum. We had another guest in Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, who conveyed his best wishes to each Lyceumist and instilled into their minds that no good effort ever dies. There were items from various Lyceums, recitations by Misses Robinson, Todd, Wing, Bott, Straw, Burton, Richardson, Pickford, Rowley, Wilkins, White and Bunion. Also solos by Miss Wayman and Master Billie Green. After taking Marching and Callisthenics and pearls, the chairman thanked everyone for the honour which had been bestowed upon him and wished success for all future efforts. We brought our session to a close after an afternoon well spent.—Lilian Sharp, Sec.



Dear Little Imps.

Since I last wrote to you I have had the loveliest surprise! One little Imp actually remembered that I am just as fond of *reading* letters as of writing them. A certain little "Maid Marion" from Bolton sent me such a happy, friendly letter, about little birds who tell secrets. I was delighted! Thank you, Marion!

Well, Easter time has been, and gone, and left, I hope, such a lot of happy memories. The very nicest memory it gave to me was of a new kind of shower. I was in a wood, along a seashore, when a sudden breeze sent down a dainty shower of white petals from a cherry tree. It seemed a real fairy shower!

And, on that wooded seashore, I found a story for you!

THE BIRDS AND THE WIND.

Just because Sea Wood was a lovely, large wood, and yet edged a very quiet seashore, things happened there that couldn't happen in any other wood, or on any other shore.

It was a very sheltered seashore, so that the wood was every bit as fine as any inland wood. It was richly carpeted with mosses, and a glorious tangle of Wind-flowers, and Violets and Primroses, with Blue-bells growing taller every day. There were all kinds of trees, too. Lots of Hazel bushes grew there, but in amongst them were the fine tall trees of Oak and Ash and Beech, whilst there were even one or two Wild Cherry trees and Crab Apples. Even amongst the pebbles on the shore, Gorse and Sloe bushes flourished.

Now, of course, all that shelter made splendid homes for the birds. The grassy ground, the thick bushes, and the tall trees, all made good nesting places for all sorts of birds. Blackbirds and Thrushes, Jenny Wrens and Magpies, Crows and Skylarks, Robins and Rooks, all found room to live and be neighbourly.

Now, that was all very well for the land birds, but the sandy flats tempted the sea birds to that shore also. Seagulls and Terns and bright-eyed Dippers, all gathered on the sands when the tide was low, or darted like lightning from the air to the sea when the full tide brought them fishes to eat.

All of the plants lived quite contentedly together and were perfectly happy listening to the tales told by the wind.

Not so with the birds. They would go exploring and prying into other folks' business, and there the trouble began.

On fine days, the sea birds would be happily strut-

ting on the sands, or hovering over the waves, and the land birds should have been just as happily hunting food near their nests. Instead, the larks would venture high over the heads of the sea birds and distract their thoughts from the food in the sea to bird music in the air. When the tide was really far out, some of the land birds even dared to hop about on the dry sands. The sea birds were furious. How dare these strangers, who lived in nests amongst trees and bushes, come on to the sand of the sea. The Gulls consulted their friends at the Gullery about it, and were told that such behaviour must not be permitted.

The Gulls, as being the largest and boldest of the sea-birds, tried to tell their visitors how unwanted they were, but were only met by trilly notes and perky cheeps. If the sunny sands tempted them, the land birds intended to go on those sands.

It almost seemed as though there would be a real feud about it. The sea-birds grew ever so angry, but the angrier they grew, and the noisier they became, the more the little birds chirruped and sang to them.

Then, quite suddenly, the quarrel was stopped. The peacemaker was the wind. He had grown tired of bird grumbles and so he planned to settle the dispute for all time.

One glorious sunny day, when there scarcely seemed enough breeze to shake the leaves on the trees, a whole crowd of land birds went down to the sands. They had gone on purpose to tease the sea birds, and the latter were becoming noisy with anger.

Out of the nowhere appeared the wind. He came up over the sea, hurrying in the tide and lashing up the white horses on the crests of the waves. He thundered and roared all along that shore.

In an instant all the land birds forgot the yellow, sunny sands and flew their quickest, home to their own cosy nests. The sea birds tried to wing their way homewards, too, but the wind had other ideas for them. Despite their strong wings, he would not let them fly to their homes, but drove them, weak and powerless, back from the shore into the woods.

Sea birds in amongst the bushes! Such a thing had never been known before, but the sea birds, tired with struggling against the winds, were so glad of the calm shelter of the woods.

Gradually the wind calmed down, but not before it had seen the new sight of sea birds and land birds making friends in Sea Woods. The wind murmured in delight as it quietly sank to rest, for, in the woods it had heard a fine plan being settled. The sea birds had been heard to say "Thank you so much, land birds, for sheltering us from the sudden gale. We'll be glad to see you any sunny day on the sands." The land birds had replied "That's fine, sea birds! Come into our woods whenever you like."

So peace reigned in Sea Woods once more, and that is why they always seems to be the happiest woods that I know.

Love to all Imps, MEG.

LYCEUMISTS' WEDDING.

The marriage of George Ernest Robinson to Daisy Evans, of Kingston Hill Lyceum, took place at Kingston Church, on April 14th. Mr. Albert E. Fruin, President of the London Lyceum District Council, conducted the service. Miss Evans was a past member of the Barnsley Lyceum. We wish them all success.

UNCLE BERT'S LETTER

FOR HOME
AND OVER-
SEAS

My dear Boys and Girls,
On with the Games.

Just previous to writing this letter to you I have been watching a number of children playing various games, including so-called Cricket and Tennis. The latter game was taken very seriously, for I heard one little girly, age about ten, inform her companions that she had won several tournaments last year. I am afraid the results were not published at the time, so we must let her pretend she was one of the Wimbledon stars.

I am afraid we cannot claim many Lyceum honours in various team games yet, although it is pleasing to hear that at least a few Lyceums have a Netball, Tennis or Cricket Club, and I hope these will increase in the years to come, for there are plenty of openings in these days for our Lyceumists to make a name for themselves.

In saying this I am thinking of the recent Olympic Games, at least one of the competitors was known to Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I, when she was quite a little girl.

Year by year she won races for her school until she was chosen to represent England; what a great honour.

Why should not some of you young Lyceumists represent your country in like manner in a few years' time?

Be Sporty.

Going back to the children I have been watching. When they decided to play cricket it was necessary to pick out who should bat first.

One of the boys started with a rhyme which ends up at the fortunate one. Unfortunately something went wrong with the starting point, for the reciter already holding bat in hand discovered that the words would not finish at himself, as evidently he had designed. Therefore he found it necessary to restart his recitation. This time he was successful, at the expense of his companions. I know this is a very old trick with some children, but I do not think it is quite fair, do you?

In football we can say off side, foul, and such like, but cricket is free from such tags; so let's play the game.

If we cannot bat first, let's be sporty enough to take our place as fielders and wait our turn.

You never know who is taking note of you, as I did of the little company I watched.

Remember the other players.

This is a point which we can well afford to think about, that is if we desire to be unselfish in our play.

I have often seen boys who are quite willing to take their turn with the bat when playing cricket, but when it comes to fielding some want to lay down to the job. Even in professional football much the same sort of thing happens at times.

One player appears to want to keep the ball, instead of passing it to one of his fellow players.

The same rule can apply to nearly all games, but the best games to watch are those where the team spirit is exhibited. So, whether it is just a picked up game in the park, or the school or Lyceum team, let's try and remember this point.

Play a Clean Game.

Although it may not sound very nice language, how often do we hear of someone playing a dirty game.

This means that the player has employed some trick to serve his own ends at the expense of the other players. In football it might be a nasty trip up or charge, at cricket it can be knocking the bails off with the hands instead of the ball, or an umpire giving a man out when he is not.

Even in a simple game like skipping the pulling the rope will sometimes cause a skipper to stop the rope. Quite a lot of tricks like these are known in sports of various kinds, but as Lyceumists we should always strive to play a clean game.

Give praise where praise is due.

This is one of the things I am more delighted to see in sport than anything else.

When I was in a football team some years ago, we always had a rule concerning the opponent side. If they won we would always give them a cheer, while our captain would go over and shake hands with the other captain to congratulate him.

In all your games learn to be a good loser. We cannot expect to always be on the winning side, but, above all, be ready to congratulate any player who does anything worthy of praise.

I have taken this subject this month because most boys and girls are now busy training for their school or Lyceum sports, and the various points I have referred to apply to all kinds of sports. Team matches, Swimming or Running. Try and put the good points into practice and you will earn for yourselves the title of being a good sportsman.

London to St. Helens.

For the older members, in view of this issue being the Conference number, I want to continue my message to you along sporty lines.

On a recent trip to the Liverpool district I overheard a conversation at the carriage window which I think we can all do well to think over regarding the future of our Lyceum Movement.

It just happened to be the day of the International Football Match between England and Scotland.

Euston Station took on an appearance more adaptable to Glasgow or Aberdeen rather than London, for everywhere one looked there were men and women from Scotland, wearing their various mascots in support of their country's team. The conversation was this: "If supporters stand for anything, Scotland should certainly win."

The reply: "The whole of Scotland might be there, but it's the team which scores the goals."

The whole Lyceum Movement will not attend Conference; there will, however, be a large number of delegates from various parts of the country. They will come prepared to play their part in voting for or against various resolutions. I want to call them the Lyceum team which are going to score the goals and lead our movement on to victory.

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THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT ST. HELENS.

The Management Committee met in the National Spiritualist Church and Lyceum, Charles Street, St. Helens, on Saturday and Sunday, April 9th and 10th, 1988.

All M.C. Members were present. Mr. Slimin presided.

Minutes were accepted and after one or two questions had been satisfactorily answered, were confirmed.

Arising out of correspondence it was agreed that half fees for 1988 be paid to the S.N.U. Ltd.

The Treasurer's Report was seriously discussed and it was decided that Conference shall be made aware of the very serious financial position of the Union. The Trustees, too, are to be notified of the full facts of our position.

The General Report was accepted. The suggestion was made that the Glasgow Association be approached regarding the re-affiliating of their Lyceum, and that the Lincoln (Midland) Lyceum officials be asked to use their endeavours towards re-opening the Lyceum.

In the BANNER Report the Questionnaire recently circulated was discussed. As a result of opinions sent in by various Lyceums several new ideas will be introduced during the next few months. Articles will be appreciated, and the Committee are always ready to consider suggestions forwarded by Lyceumists.

The facilities offered to Lyceums and their members are to be outlined from time to time through the pages of the BANNER.

The editor was given permission to have a 20 page edition for May BANNER in order to accommodate the Conference reports.

The Publishing Report was very disappointing. As a result of discussion on the quantity of handbooks in stock the Committee decided to offer 150 complete parcels of Education Literature at the reduced price of 2s. per parcel, post free.

When the first 150 parcels are sold we shall be unable to repeat our offer.

The Restoration Fund Report showed a reduction in the subscriptions for flowers.

Under the Ainsworth Home of Rest report it was stressed that only applications from Lyceumists who are attached to an affiliated Lyceum can be considered.

Mrs. George reported the very disappointing entries for 1988 Examinations. The Education Committee are considering a revised Scheme and the outline of it was presented to the M.C.

The Guild Report was accepted with thanks.

The Trustees Report was well discussed and the M.C. expressed their disapproval at the dilatory methods employed in conducting Trustees business.

Four Lyceums were accepted into membership. They were Hackney (Sutton Place), Morley (Queen St.), Wigan, and Crewe.

A local report on Conference business was submitted by Mr. Taylor. Arrangements for the comfort of delegates are well in hand. The local arrangements for meals and for printing were endorsed. The price for the three meals was fixed at 5s.

The Elective Auditors are to be asked to act as Credential Officers. A Fraternal Delegate Card is to be issued to a representative of the Knight Crusaders and to the Union's Professional Auditor.

The Inter-relations Report was given by Mr. Burrows. It was agreed that Mr. Slimin act as spokesman at Conference for the B.S.L.U. section of this Committee.

The April 1989 M.C. Meeting has been adjourned until the third Saturday and Sunday of that month because Easter holidays occur during the second week-end.

It was decided that we hold a full M.C. Meeting during the second week-end in July. Lyceums are asked to send in invitations for this meeting. Details will willingly be provided by the Union's Secretary.

The President and Secretary were instructed to compile the M.C. Conference Report. The Treasurer and Secretary are to decide what amount shall be paid to Messrs. Wadsworth & Co.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local friends concluded the business side of the meeting.

MASS SESSION.

The President conducted a Mass Session on the Sunday afternoon, when 17 Lyceums, 6 Lyceum D.C.s, three squadrons of Knight Crusaders and their headquarters, the S.W. Lancashire Group of Churches and the Lancashire D.C. of the S.N.U. were represented.

Mr. Fruin gave the invocation. A Floral Welcome by children from the different Lyceums in the district was very prettily given. Flowers were given to all officers and M.C. members.

Mr. Taylor conducted the S.C.R. "The Psalm of Life." He answered several questions.

Mrs. Mills, Mr. Mack, and Mr. Burrows, conducted the connective readings in Musical Reading "How to Live."

Mr. Stirrup, the St. Helens Conductor, conducted Marching and Callisthenics.

Mrs. George was responsible for the conducting of the Golden Chain Recitations and answered questions thereon.

Eleven children contributed their share in recitations which were very pleasing.

The President gave the benediction and so closed a very happy and enjoyable session.

PROPAGANDA MEETING.

Mrs. George, Vice-President, occupied the chair at the propaganda meeting, and she gave the invocation.

She introduced Mr. Slimin, President of the Union, as the first speaker.

Mr. Slimin told his congregation that if our Lyceums are necessary only as a sort of counteraction against the orthodox of way of educating their young people, then we have nothing to boast about. We have nothing that will be really helpful.

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THE LYCEUM BANNER

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MAY, 1938.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

From replies received to our recent questionnaire it is certainly agreed that this magazine is a necessary link between the Union and Lyceumists.

This denotes its national importance, therefore if it is to fulfil its desired objects, Lyceums should know how to use it to their advantage.

While it is very necessary that the Union should be kept informed of the activities of individual Lyceums, it is also most important that the BANNER should form a helpful guide between the various Lyceums.

In order that this object might be accomplished it has been decided that the Lyceum Report page in future should be used as a Review page.

Its success depends largely upon secretaries sending in reports of their various activities.

Such reports will be carefully scrutinised and suitable matter used for the purpose required.

It should, however, be clearly understood that this page will not be an advertising medium. "We Broadcast Coming Events" is designed for this purpose. (See inside of front cover.)

It is of little interest to the movement as a whole to know that your Lyceum held its ordinary session last Sunday, but it is of great value to all concerned to know that you have formed a Cricket Club, Rambling Section or Dramatic Party, or that you have held a special event in aid of some definite object.

It is also interesting to know that you engaged a special speaker and the subject of his or her address. While it would be most uplifting to tell the whole movement that your Lyceum had raised £5 by special efforts for the Restoration Fund.

With these few suggestions I think secretaries will be able to see the type of reports required.

While we shall endeavour to give all Lyceum reports from time to time, we are duty bound to give special consideration to Lyceums according to their sales.

Lyceums requiring special reports will be able to have same inserted at the usual charges.

It is proposed to commence this new page with the June issue, and all ordinary reports should be sent to the office not later than the 20th of each month.

Special reports should be sent, with cash, to the General Secretary, B.S.L.U., 41, John Dalton Street, Manchester.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—Continued from page 71.

Orthodoxy, as we call it, is a rather misused term. Mr. Slimin went on to show how religion had grown through the ages.

We are working for the children of today and the children of tomorrow. We have pledged ourselves to help these young people to a happy view of life. Recognise that and you will make up your minds that you will help us.

Mr. Fruin used the illustration of Easter to show how we can be of service to the young people of our time. He appealed for a renewed enthusiasm in the work for our Lyceum Movement.

Mr. Taylor expressed the thanks of the Committee and Union to everybody who had helped to make the week-end so very happy and successful.

Mr. George gave the invocation and so closed another good week-end on behalf of our Lyceum Cause.

CONFERENCE, 1939.

There is no invitation yet to hand for the 1939 Conference. The Management Committee would appreciate a written invitation coming to hand before the date of this Conference.

Details can be obtained from The General Secretary, 41, John Dalton St., Manchester, 2.

Several Lyceum and D.C. Reports have been crowded out owing to the Conference Reports.—Ed.

The man who confers a kindness should be silent concerning it; he who receives it should proclaim it.

—Seneca.

It is a happy world after all. The air, the earth, the water teem with delighted existence.

—Paley.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

Adjudication Awards. Blackburn Lyceum—the winners of the Silver Shield Competition for 1937—received their trophy at a social held at St. Peter's Street, on Saturday, March 27th. The shield was presented to the Lyceum by Mr. J. Slimin, our National President, on behalf of the N.E.L.L.D.C. Mr. J. Entwistle accepted the shield on behalf of the 1937 Conductor, Mrs. Railton, who was not able to be present. Mr. J. Railton, the Council President, then presented the certificate to the Lyceum Secretary. Mr. S. Lightboun, as a permanent token of the Lyceum's success. The remainder of the evening was devoted to a most enjoyable social, in which 150 people took part.

On Sunday, April 3rd, Fleetwood Lyceum received their award—a silver bell—as second prize winners in the adjudication. The event took place at a memorably pleasant open session, ably conducted by Mr. Batley. Amongst the 70 Lyceumists present, were a goodly proportion of little children, and the interest they showed in the session was a treat to witness. The Council were represented by the four officers, all of whom were called upon by Mr. Railton to convey their greetings to Fleetwood Lyceum. Mr. Railton then presented the Silver Bell to Mr. Batley, who accepted it on behalf of his Lyceum. That session, with the well rendered items, the interested on-lookers, the lovely array of remembrance flowers, the happily expressed birthday greetings, and the individual efforts of many little children, will long provide a happy memory.

The *Quarterly Meeting of the Council* will be held at Padiham (Ightenhill Street), on Saturday, May 28th. Will Secretaries, delegates and associates please note this, so that a full representation will be assured?

M. E. Grieve, Hon. Sec.

CONFERENCE SUPPLEMENT.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION

The Union will hold its

49TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 4th, and 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 5th, in the
National Spiritualist Church and Lyceum, Collyhurst Street, Manchester.

President: JAMES SLIMIN, of Sunderland

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

The Billet Secretary is Mr. J. S. Barnett, 7, Barlow Street, Openshaw, Manchester, 11. The billet charge is 6/6 per delegate for either one or two nights' accommodation. The charge for meals during Conference is 5s.

Approaching from Oldham Road the Church is situated on the right hand side of Collyhurst Street, just beyond the railway arch; approaching from Rochdale Road the position is reversed, the Church being on the left-hand side of the street, before the railway arch.

Details of trams and buses from the various Manchester Stations will be found under the heading of "Conference Notes" on a later page of this month's BANNER.

AGENDA.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Appointments. 2A. Welcome (if any).
3. Minutes of last Conference.
4. Correspondence.
5. President's Address.
6. Unfinished Business—(Nil).
7. Reports:—(a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer; (c) Auditors; (d) £2,000 and Restoration; (e) Trustees; (f) Banner; (g) Education; (h) Guild; (i) College; (j) Ainsworth Home of Rest; (k) Overseas; (l) International; (m) S.N.U. Conference; (n) Inter-relations; (o) Any other business.
8. Elections:—(a) President; (b) Vice-President; (c) Treasurer; (d) Executive Council. 8A. Appointment of General Secretary.
9. Elect S.N.U. Representative.
10. Elect Auditor.
11. Elect Representatives to other Conferences.
12. Place and date of next meeting.
13. Motions:—
 - From M.C. Bye Law 13, Section 9.
That the words "or by deputy" be deleted and in their stead be inserted the words "in the offices of the Union."
That the words "may require" be deleted, and in their place be substituted "may be necessary for the fulfilment of their duties as Trustees."
 - From Runcorn Lyceum. Bye Law 13.
Present clause (2) to be marked (3). Insert new clause 2 to read: "Allow Bodies, Societies, or Churches, whose aims and objects are sympathetic to those of the Union, to join in membership with the Union at a fee, not necessarily the same amount in all cases, to be decided by and at an Annual Conference of the Union. Such membership to be confined to representation without vote at the Annual Conference, with a maximum of two fraternal delegates, and at no expense to the Union, but with power to present a report at the Annual Conference of the Union to be followed by discussion if required provided the time of report and discussion do not exceed twenty minutes."
 - London Lyceum D.C. Amendment to Bye Law 13, Trustees section K.
After the word "Union" in last line add: "or permit any such bodies to become associated or amalgamated with the Union upon payment of fee or donation as deemed suitable."
- New Motions.
 - Liverpool Daulby Hall Lyceum.
"That future Annual Returns from Lyceums shall show the number of Lyceumists under the age of 12 years, the number over 12 years and under 21 years, and the number of Lyceumists 21 years of age and over."
 - North East Lancs. D.C.
 1. That the District Councils become agents for the sale and/or distribution of Lyceum Union publications and literature.
 2. That a footnote be added to the Annual Return Forms, from the B.S.L.U., which could be used to notify Lyceums of their District Council liabilities.
 - Any other business.
14. Notices of Motion for next Conference.
15. Votes of Thanks to retiring officers, E.C., Auditor, Local Church and Lyceum.
16. Closing Exercises.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION

Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ending December 31st, 1937.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To M.C. Expenses:—								By Collections:—							
Moston		5	2	8				M.C. Propaganda Meetings					6	9	5
Stockport		5	15	3				S.N.U., F.O.B.					0	11	2
Office		7	1	5				„ Conference, South Shields:—							
Dewsbury		4	13	6				Collections		4	9	1			
								Donations—Local Friends		28	11	0			
„ Conference—South Shields:—					22	12	10	F.O.B., S.N.U.		0	19	6			
M.C., etc.		19	16	1				Catering		21	4	6			
Printing		0	14	0				Billet Fees		17	6	6			
Hire of Hall		6	10	0								72	10	7	
Catering		19	2	6				„ Lyceum and D.C. Fees				114	5	0	
Billet Charges		11	2	7				„ Donations				5	6	0	
Advert.		0	15	0				„ Bequest—Mrs. Thirlwall				50	0	0	
F.O.B., S.N.U.		0	19	6				„ Restoration Fund				59	11	3	
Local Expenses		4	12	11				„ Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme:—							
					63	12	7	Expenses		17	3	5			
„ Salaries					183	10	0	Amount Still Owing		2	12	3			
„ Office Rent, Heat, Light, Cleaning, etc.		52	6	0								19	15	8	
„ Rates		10	8	2				„ Clerk's Salary (still owing)				7	10	0	
„ Printing and Stationery		19	12	5				„ Duplicating and Stationery				4	2	0	
„ Health and Unemployment Insurance								„ Bank Interest				0	2	6	
Stamps		3	9	0				„ Transfers:—							
„ President's Postages		0	15	0				Publishing Fund Account, Proportion Salaries ($\frac{2}{3}$)		137	12	6			
„ Postages		11	8	4				Rent, etc. ($\frac{1}{3}$)		83	17	4			
„ Removal Expenses, etc.		11	15	3								221	9	10	
„ Sundries		2	2	3				Lyceum Banner Account: Proportion Salaries ($\frac{1}{3}$)		22	18	9			
					111	16	5	Rent, etc. ($\frac{2}{3}$)		13	19	6			
„ Affiliation Fees, 1936		5	6	6								36	18	3	
„ Affiliation Fees, 1937		4	15	0											
					10	1	6								
„ S.N.U., F.O.B.					0	11	2								
„ Ainsworth Home of Rest Expenses					19	15	8								
„ Committee Expenses:—															
Finance		4	18	8											
J.E.C.		1	1	9											
Trustees		4	14	3											
					10	14	8								
„ Delegations:—															
S.N.U.		4	13	6											
Peace Convention		0	3	6											
					4	17	0								
„ Bank Charges and Cheques					3	1	9								
„ Insurance (Indemnity)					0	7	7								
„ Balance to Accumulative Fund					167	10	6								
					£598	11	8						£598	11	8

LYCEUM BANNER ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Outstanding Accounts, 1st Jan., 1937					26	2	10	By Sales					165	8	1
„ Printing of Banners, etc.		224	2	6				„ Adverts. and Reports					14	10	5
„ Carriage		28	15	7				„ Subscriptions					1	10	3
„ Postages		5	12	2				„ Guild Donation					10	0	0
„ Posters		8	6	6				„ Bound Volumes					1	14	0
„ Blocks		0	7	0				„ Calendar of Events					0	17	0
					267	3	9	„ Outstanding Accounts, 31st Dec., 1937					26	17	4
„ Bound Volumes					1	14	0	„ Balance to Accumulative Fund					112	9	4
„ Stationery					1	7	7								
„ Proportion Salaries ($\frac{1}{3}$)		22	18	9											
„ Proportion Rent, etc. ($\frac{1}{3}$)		13	19	6											
					36	18	3								
					£333	6	5						£333	6	5

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank		17	13	0	By Balance, 1st Jan., 1937		17	13	0

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT FOR £2,000 EFFORT FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	2	7	6	By Balance, 1st Jan., 1937	116	7	6			
				<i>Less Loan to General Fund</i>	114	0	0			
								2	7	6
	£2	7	6					£2	7	6

AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME, STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE.			£	s.	d.	INCOME.			£	s.	d.		
To Cost of Treatment			16	10	0	By Balance, 1st Jan., 1937			27	13	6		
.. Postages—Governors	0	4	8			.. Interest—Charity Commissioners.. .. .			33	1	2		
.. Postages—Office	0	8	4			.. Interest—Bank			0	1	9		
					0	13	0						
.. Adverts... .. .					1	1	9						
.. Meetings					1	10	11						
.. Clerk's Salary					7	10	0						
.. Bank Charges and Cheques					0	2	9						
.. Balance	48	10	3										
<i>Less Owing to B.S.L.U.</i>	10	2	3										
					33	8	0						
					£60	16	5				£60	16	5

TRUSTEES' BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.			£	s.	d.	ASSETS.			£	s.	d.	
Home Fund			50	0	0	S.U.D.C. Mortgage	450	10				
£2,000 Effort	768	6	3			Manchester Corporation	200	0	0			
Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme			33	8	0					650	0	0
B.S.L.U. General Fund			10	2	3	Loans to General Fund—£2,000 Effort.. .. .	97	0	0			
						Home Fund	50	0	0			
										147	0	0
						Cash in Bank—£2,000 Effort	21	6	3			
						Ainsworth Home of Rest	43	10	3			
										64	16	6
					£861	16	6			£861	16	6

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.			£	s.	d.	ASSETS.			£	s.	d.	
Home Fund			50	0	0	Outstanding Accounts			36	1	5	
£2,000 Effort Fund	884	13	9		Cash in Hand and Bank:—							
Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme			33	8	0	Treasurer	12	0	11			
Certificate Deposit Account			17	13	0	Secretary	20	6	9			
Lyceum Guild Account.. .. .			11	2	0	Education Secretary	1	1	3			
Restoration Fund Account			0	2	0	Guild Leader	11	2	0			
Outstanding Account	626	13	3		Restoration Fund Secretary	0	2	0				
										44	12	11
						Certificate Deposit Account				17	13	0
						£2,000 Effort Fund—M.C.	2	7	6			
						Trustees	671	6	3			
										673	13	9
						Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme				43	10	3
						Stock, 31st Dec., 1937:—						
						Education Dept.	92	7	11			
						Publishing Dept.	312	4	11			
										404	12	10
						Office Furniture and Fittings				21	10	0
						Additions				34	3	0
										55	13	0
						<i>Less Depreciation</i>				5	13	0
										50	0	0
						Loans to General Fund:—						
						Home Fund.. .. .	50	0	0			
						£2,000 Effort Fund M.C... .. .	114	0	0			
						£2,000 Effort Fund Trustees	97	0	0			
										261	0	0
						Accumulative Fund				92	7	10
										£1623	12	0

I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Union, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Union's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Union.

16th February, 1938.

JOE ENTWISTLE, Auditor.

NOTE:—Any delegate to the Annual Conference who wishes to question any item in the above accounts must give seven days' notice to Mr. J. E. Hart, 307, Moss Lane East, Manchester.

M.C. REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

Meetings.

Four M.C. Meetings have been held during 1937; three under the Rota System, at Moston, Stockport, and Dewsbury, and one in the Union's office in Manchester. There have also been two Finance Committee Meetings.

To all who have provided hospitality for the Members of the Committee whilst engaged on Union work we accord our thanks. Manchester friends are worthy of a special note because of their readiness to accommodate Officers and Committee Members so frequently.

Membership.

1937 total membership was 7468, as against 8,427 in 1936; a decrease of 959 Lyceumists. Total Lyceums in membership during 1937 was 174 as against 190 in 1936, a drop of 16 Lyceums. Total fees for 1937 were £114 5s. 0d.

This continued fall in membership is having its effect on the publishing department and on the "Banner." Unless the fall in membership can be checked we are faced with the need to find a further outlet for the sales of our Manuals and Handbooks, etc. Lyceums are urged to try to hold their present members by intensive social and activities by persistent effort.

Conference.

The Conference at South Shields was exceptionally well organised. We keenly appreciate the work done by the South Shields and Tyneside L.D.C. Lyceumists. Special mention is made of the help, material and financial, given by the N.D.C. of the S.N.U. The Management Committee are very pleased to report that there was a credit balance of £8 2s. We know how hard the local Lyceumists worked, and we express our gratitude for their efforts.

Ainsworth Home of Rest.

The Management Committee continues to administrate the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme. Patients report good results from the facilities afforded.

During the last year there was a fall in the call on the scheme, with the result that we have somewhat conserved the funds available. Lyceum Conductors and Secretaries are asked to collaborate with the Management Committee in seeing to it that only cases of genuine need apply for treatment. The Committee can only consider those cases which arise from Lyceums in affiliation with the Union.

The Governors have granted £7 10s. to the Union's funds as a payment for the services of the General Secretary and the use of the office in administering the Fund.

"Banner."

During the year the sales of the "Banner" have decreased. The position is serious. So serious that, unless the circulation CAN be substantially increased, Conference will need to consider either the discontinuing of the "Banner," or the subsidising of its printing by a composite fee or some other similar suggestion.

As a result of Management Committee decisions a circular was issued at the end of 1937 asking for criticisms of the "Banner" as at present constituted, and asking for suggestions for making it more interesting. The result was disheartening; less than one fifth of the Lyceums in the Union responding. However, the Committee have considered those suggestions sent in, and from time to time some of the ideas will be tried out. We still invite criticisms on the contents and make-up of the "Banner."

Since the issuing of this circular a Questionnaire has been sent out. The Interim Report given at Conference will give fuller details on this matter. The response to this was slightly better, about one-third of the Lyceums responding.

Of the Lyceums affiliated to the Union, only two thirds have a supply of "Banners," and many of these purchase only six copies monthly.

Lyceums are asked to realise that the "Banner" belongs to them, and that they are responsible for its rise or fall.

Rota System.

Visits of the Management Committee by rota to the different Districts continue to prove successful, and the Committee is beginning to feel the benefit of the more intimate touch with the various D.C.s and Lyceums. Arrangements are in hand for future rota visits.

Knight Crusaders.

The Management Committee have granted fraternal credentials to an official of the Knight Crusaders to the 1938 Conference.

Publishing.

This side of the Union's activities is suffering keenly from the decline in membership. It is just three years since the Conference decided to adopt the symbolic badge in preference to the one portraying Andrew Jackson Davis. In that three years we have sold less than 3,000 new Badges. This shows that there must be still well over 4,000 Lyceumists not possessing a new Badge. The Andrew Jackson Davis Badge is no longer our official Badge, but we still see it worn on all occasions.

Our Manual sales are gradually decreasing, and because of this the possibility of a revision becomes more remote. If Lyceums could be made to realise that it is the publishing side of the Union which keeps our affairs in anything like a solvent position possibly they would use our publications more.

Inter Working.

Acting in accordance with the Conference resolution of last year when the Management Committee were instructed to "explore the possibility of formulating a scheme for closer harmonious working relationship with the S.N.U. which will ensure the status of the B.S.L.U. and provide for the fullest possible measure of unity between both Unions" a draft scheme was prepared and was presented to the S.N.U. E.C. at their October 1937 meeting.

The scheme was sent forward to the Inter-relations Committee and we refer Lyceumists to the report of that Committee for further details of the Scheme and the Conference motion.

J. SLIMAN, President.

A. H. MILLS, Gen. Secretary.

ELECTIVE AUDITORS' REPORT TO CONFERENCE

Stock has been taken, all books, vouchers and books of the Union examined, and we have received satisfactory answers to all questions asked.

We again ask Lyceumists to await Conference for fuller explanation of the contingent liability.

We recommend the following—

1. That the Knight Crusaders be approached for a donation towards the cost of their page in the BANNER.
2. That the BANNER poster be discontinued.
3. That the Bound Volumes be discontinued, and that binders be obtained for contributors' use.
4. That the Executive Auditors be given permission to clear the stock room, scrapping all goods that prove to be of no value.

J. E. HART, } Elective
A. SHAW, } Auditors.

RESTORATION FUND CONFERENCE REPORT.

I am very pleased to acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the month of April.

Flowers.

Chesterfield 11s.; Rochdale, Regent Hall 3s. 6d.; Cardiff 10s. Easington Colliery 2s.; Blackburn 6s.; Wallsend 5s.; Hull, Dairycotes, 4s. 9d.; Gateshead, Rectory Hall, 2s. 6d.; Barrow, Dalkieth St., 5s. 3d.; Halifax, Alma St., 12s. 5d.; North Shields 15s.; Bolton, Bradford St., 2s. 6d.; Newcastle, Rye Hill, 4s. 6d.; Walsall, 5s.; Wolverhampton 2s. 6d.; Middlesbrough, Grange Road, 8s. 6d.; Hebden Bridge, 1s. 6d.; Stratford (second Donation) 2s. 6d.; Horwich 10s.

Founders Day Collections.

Halifax, Alma St., 4s. 7d.; Chesterfield 1s.

Donations.

Mrs. Dean (weekly pennies) 4s. 6d.; Miss F. Durman 2s.; Mr. A. E. Fruin 15s.; Tyneside L. D. Council 5s.; Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Mills (Birthday Greetings) 1s. 6d.

Total £7 8s. 0d.

Although we feel that the Annual Flower Day is still worth while, the response is rather disappointing, in that the total amount is falling annually.

12,600 emblems were distributed amongst 172 Lyceums; up to date 121 Lyceums have donated £33 8s. 4d., an average of 5s. 5½d. each.

This amount is £8 11s. 8d. below last year's total; the average per Lyceum last year was 6s. 8½d. Many Lyceums have returned more than half the number of emblems sent to them; 21 Lyceums have sent them all back again without making even a small effort.

the intention being that if and when it is approved in principle by the M.C. it will be remitted to the Joint Inter-relations Committee to go into the details and submit definite proposals for consideration by the National E.C.'s.

Generally speaking, it has in view the principle that the relationship between Church and Lyceum, as set forth in the Inter-relations agreement, should be reflected and maintained in the relationships between the S.N.U. and the subsidiary groups dealing with Lyceum matters.

For instance, major decisions come to by the Lyceum A.G.M. would be subject to the approval of the S.N.U. A.G.M.

1) The activities carried on by the S.N.U. and the B.S.L.U. to be controlled by one organisation, with one general office.

2) The affairs shall be directed by one elected National Council, with a President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Provision shall be made for the election of a proportion of the Council by Church delegate vote, and a proportion by Lyceum delegate vote.

3) An A.G.M. shall be held, with a separate A.G.M. of Lyceum delegates, to deal purely with Lyceum affairs.

4) District Councils on similar lines to those now in existence to deal with district work, each holding its A.G.M. with provision for separate Lyceum A.G.M. and representation on the District Executive on lines similar to those indicated for the National Council.

(5) One General Secretary and office staff, with, as occasion arises, a special staff for Lyceum business.

(6) One Treasurer responsible for financial affairs.

(7) Suitable affiliation fees by Churches and Lyceums to entitle them to delegates to A.G.M.'s., etc., and suitable financial allocation from the general funds to enable local work to be adequately performed.

(8) At the date to be agreed on for fusion, the funds of the two Unions shall be merged.

B.S.L.U. Draft Scheme for Joint Inter-working.

In the preparation of a scheme to promote more harmonious working between the two Unions the following should be regarded as necessary preliminary points for mutual agreement.

(1) That the two bodies have a common object in view towards which they can direct their energies.

(2) That in the attainment of that object there are phases of work or activity which can be regarded as being suitable for relegation to one or the other Union and regarded as being specially that Union's work. (Unless this is so the need for two organisations does not exist.)

(3) That any such relegated work or activity should be left to the Union undertaking it unless it can be shown that definite neglect or abuse is apparent.

(4) That (unless such neglect or abuse is evident) mutual help, advice and encouragement should be given by each Union to the other but always without infringing the rights of either Union.

It will appear to be necessary in the case of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. that, first of all, an endeavour be made to ascertain if agreement on the foregoing four points can be declared and if they may be accepted as basic principles of a scheme for harmonious working.

In the event of agreement on the principle of these four points are both Unions prepared to acknowledge:—

(A) With regard to (1), That the common objective of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. is the dissemination and propagation of a Spiritualist philosophy acceptable by old and young irrespective of creedal prejudice or theological dogma.

(B) With regard to (2), That because of its formation, Constitution and avowed objects the B.S.L.U. may be regarded as the more suitable organisation for the training and encouragement of children and young people in the attainment of such philosophy and, subject to agreed regulations and restrictions, both Unions agree to the relegation of such work to the B.S.L.U.

(C) In regard to (3), In order that such relegated work and activities as are defined in (B) may be performed to the

mutual satisfaction of both Unions, consideration be given to, and recommendations made for, certain necessary alterations in the Constitution of the B.S.L.U. and the Articles of Association of the S.N.U.

(D) With regard to (4), That no attempt be made by either Union to unduly influence the working arrangements or regulations of the other, but machinery be devised whereby the fullest possible measure of interchange of ideas, opinions, suggestions, etc., can be mutually and expeditiously exchanged.

On behalf of the B.S.L.U. the following suggestions are submitted for consideration by both bodies:—

(1) Proportionate representation (with full Committee rights and privileges) on the S.N.U. Council by B.S.L.U. Management Committee members, and on the B.S.L.U. M.C. by S.N.U. Council members.

Similar interchange of representation between Lyceum and S.N.U. District Councils; and Lyceums and Churches.

NOTE:—(Owing to the wide difference in boundaries and numbers of the D.C.'s. of the two Unions in some areas, this question would need careful consideration by both bodies.)

(2) The terms of the Inter-relations agreement be considered and amended and when agreed upon by both Unions emphasised by circulars to the various units of both Unions. Recommendations be sent to the Joint Inter-relations Committee to formulate rules to expedite action in cases of dispute either between the Lyceum and Church or between both Unions.

(3) The payment of a nominal affiliation fee, or other financial acknowledgment of membership by each Union to the other.

(4) In addition to 'delegates' reports of the respective A.G.M.'s. each Union, through its secretary, furnish a report of its general work and progress to the other. This to be done yearly or at more frequent intervals as may be agreed.

(5) Wherever possible, facilities for representation at propaganda or other meetings of a national character be mutually exchanged.

(6) The question of the drawing up of a New Joint Trust Deed be carefully considered.

(7) The expenses of each representative from one Union to the other Union's meetings should be paid by the Union whose meeting he is attending.

(8) That consideration be given to issuing a joint magazine.

NOMINATIONS FOR B.S.L.U. OFFICERS, 1937-1938.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS.

President: Mrs. L. George, Liverpool; Mr. G. A. Mack, Runcorn; Mr. J. Slimin, Sunderland.

Vice-President: Mrs. L. George, Liverpool; Mr. G. A. Mack, Runcorn; Mr. J. Slimin, Sunderland; Mr. J. Taylor, Newton Heath.

Treasurer: Mr. W. Burrows, Halifax.

Elective Auditor: Mr. J. Le Noury, Sheffield; Mr. A. Shaw, Liverpool.

The people who have been nominated but withheld their consent are not included in the foregoing list.

J. SLIMIN, *President.*

A. H. MILLS, *General Secretary.*

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS.

(Two wanted).

LIST OF NOMINATIONS.

Mr. A. Bruce, Rotherham. Mr. A. T. Connor, Plaistow.
Mr. A. E. Fruin, Fulham. Mrs. L. George, Liverpool.
Mr. J. Raiton, Blackburn. Mr. J. Slimin, Sunderland.
Mr. J. Taylor, Newton Heath.

Every person in the above list has signified willingness to stand for election, and eligibility according to Constitution.

J. SLIMIN, *President.*

A. H. MILLS, *General Secretary.*

THE B.S.L.U. ANNUAL REGISTER OF LYCEUMS.

The number of Lyceumists on the Lyceum Register during 1936 are the figures for which fees are paid during 1937, and are enumerated under the heading of '1937.' The same method applies to the figures returned from Lyceums who have paid the Annual Fee on or before April 22nd, 1938. The total number of Lyceumists for 1937 is 7,468, against 8,446 in 1936. The total number of Lyceums is 174, against 190 in 1936.

	1937	1938	1937	1938
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.				
Birmingham, Stirchley	16	..		
Smethwick	50	..		
Walsall	90	71		
Wolverhampton	40	42		
BOLTON DISTRICT.				
Bolton, Bradford Street	20	28		
Bury	50	49		
Horwich	50	50		
Hindley	49	27		
Leigh, Evans Street	50	..		
Westhoughton	39	25		
BRADFORD DISTRICT.				
Bankfoot	35	40		
Bradford, Milton	22	19		
.. Otley Road	20	22		
.. Laisterdyke	42	48		
Keighley	32	36		
Saltaire	19	28		
Shipley	19	18		
Yeadon	44	46		
COVENTRY DISTRICT.				
Coventry, Broadgate	20	21		
Nuneaton	75	69		
HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.				
Brighouse, Commercial Street	14	..		
Halifax, Alma Street	39	42		
Hebden Bridge	35	34		
Huddersfield, Ramsden Street	10	11		
.. St. Peter Street	30	30		
Quarmby	16	18		
Sowerby Bridge	68	64		
LEEDS DISTRICT.				
Armley	38	35		
Batley	24	20		
Batley Carr	74	50		
Castleford	45	40		
Dewsbury	73	75		
Heckmondwike, Walkley Lane	30	25		
.. Back Lane	21	..		
Hull, Dairycoates	50	25		
.. No. 1	25	36		
Leeds, Psycho	27	33		
Wakefield	23	20		
York	33	27		
Liversedge	45	47		
Morley, Queen Street .. .. .	..	17		
LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.				
Birkenhead	40	35		
Chester	22	21		
Liverpool, Daulby Hall	72	60		
Runcorn	38	30		
Southport	21	28		
Warrington	93	83		
Wigan .. .. .	..	20		
St. Helens	50	42		
Crewe .. .. .	..	32		
LONDON DISTRICT.				
Brixton	79	..		
Clapham	43	42		
Croydon	35	36		
Carshalton .. .. .	..	50		
Forest Hill	48	..		
Fulham	85	66		
Hackney	10	..		
Lewisham	32	..		
Manor Park	36	29		
Peckham	30	30		
Plaistow	26	24		
Rochester Square	56	36		
Stratford .. .. .	..	..
Southend & Westcliff .. .. .	..	..
Tottenham & Edmonton .. .. .	..	..
Tottenham, High Road .. .. .	..	..
Walthamstow West .. .. .	..	..
Wembley .. .. .	..	..
Kingsnton Hill .. .. .	..	..
Sutton .. .. .	..	..
Hackney, Sutton Place .. .. .	..	..
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.				
Hollinwood	85	69		
Manchester, Higher Ardwick	30	26		
Cheetham Hill	49	25		
Collyhurst	48	40		
Gorton	33	..		
Harpurhey	40	40		
Longsight	36	33		
Moston	45	49		
Newton Heath	90	75		
Pendleton	30	37		
Stretford	28	22		
Salford Central	14	..		
New Manchester	30	27		
Moss Side	29	..		
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.				
Ashton	30	..		
Heaton Norris	39	..		
Hyde	32	..		
Macclesfield	35	36		
Stockport	42	36		
NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.				
Accrington, Pearl Street	34	40		
Barrow, Dalkeith Street	47	..		
Blackburn	71	62		
Blackpool	86	71		
Burnley, North Street	35	..		
Darwen	84	..		
Earby	36	25		
Fleetwood	100	96		
Great Harwood	25	30		
Lancaster: Alliance .. .. .	..	..
.. Bulk Road	69	60		
Nelson	50	..		
Padiham	36	35		
Preston Central	28	..		
Rawtenstall	47	39		
NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.				
Beeston .. .. .	..	..
Belper	75	75		
Derby, Charnwood St.	29	23		
Leicester, Liberty Progressive	45	31		
Mansfield	46	23		
Notts: Mechs. Hall	24	8		
.. Chaucer St.	97	68		
.. Beaconsfield St.	23	19		
.. Sherwood St.	46	40		
.. Progressive	48	48		
SCOTTISH DISTRICT.				
Glasgow, Govan	50	..		
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.				
Barnsley New Street	50	50		
.. North Pavement	49	47		
.. Grace Street	50	46		
Chesterfield	45	30		
Doncaster, Catherine St.	34	35		
Mexborough	17	..		
Parkgate	26	..		
Rotherham	40	50		
Sheffield, Attercliffe	29	30		
.. Darnall	41	41		
.. Heeley, Bramall Lane	50	50		
Wombwell	50	35		
Thurcroft	49	50		
SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.				
Bristol, Providence Hall	33	33		
Portsmouth	74	68		
Reading	36	39		
Ryde, Newport Street	27	22		
Southampton	42	33		

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

Bacup	46	..	43
Dearnley	48	..	43
Rochdale, Baron Street	48	..	54
.. .. . Regent Street	46	..	47
Shaw	20	..	..
Todmorden, Eagle St... .. .	44	..	30

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

Caeran	50	..	..
Cardiff	50	..	50
Newport	28	..	..
Tredegar	11	..	..
Rhondda	31	..	43

TEES SIDE DISTRICT.

Darlington, Elmfield	38	..	38
Easington Colliery	38	..	27
Horden	49	..	49
Middlesbro' Grange Road,	120	..	61
Shildon	32	..	32
West Hartlepool, Charles Street	35	..	35
.. .. . Musgrave Street,	48	..	48
Witton Gilbert	35	..	30
Crook	25	..	..

TYNE SIDE DISTRICT.

Ashington	50	..	48
Craghead	45	..	25
Hetton and District	74	..	75
Hirst	100	..	46
Monkwearmouth	49	..	44
Newburn-on-Tyne	50	..	36
Newcastle, Benwell	48	..	44
.. .. . Heaton and Byker	50	..	57
.. .. . Rye Hill	38	..	21
.. .. . Wallsend	36	..	44
North Shields	99	..	99
South Shields, Fowler St.	74	..	54
Southwick-on-Wear	39	..	25
Sunderland	39	..	32
Tyneside Centre	28	..	..
Seaham Harbour .. .. .	..	..	42
Whitley Bay	40	..	40
Gateshead, Rectory Hall	47	..	46
.. .. . Beaconsfield	45	..	32
Birtley	43	..	..

AREA LYCEUMS.

Northampton	50	..	40
Longton	49	..	49
Peterborough	48	..	..
Hanley .. .. .	—	..	..

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LYCEUMS.

Calgary	25	..	33
Winnipeg, Polson Avenue	34	..	—

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The Annual Conference will be held on June 4th and 5th, in the Collyhurst National Spiritualist Church and Lyceum, Collyhurst Street, Manchester.

Approaching from Oldham Road, the Hall is situated on the right-hand side, just beyond the railway arch; from Rochdale Road the position is reversed—left-hand side, before the arch.

The 'bus and tram services from the city are as follows:—

From London Road Station. Delegates proceed to Piccadilly, for Tram No. 23 (Hollinwood) or 'Bus 80 (Moston Lane), or from Piccadilly, proceed up Lever Street, to Stevenson Square, for Trams 20 (Waterhead), 21 (Hollinwood), and 'Bus 54 (Middleton), booking to Collyhurst Street in each case. (Fare 1d. 'Bus 54. 2d.)

Oxford Road Station. Board Tram 23 or 'Bus 80 outside station. (Fare 1½d.)

Central. Proceed to Oxford Road (Midland Hotel). Tram 23, 'Bus 80. (Fare 1½d.) (All the foregoing Oldham Road Route.)

Victoria. Proceed to Church Street, High Street, 'Buses 55, 55x, 60, 60x. (Fare 1d.)

Exchange. Proceed to Cannon Street, 'Bus 17 (Rochdale). (Fare 1d.) Rochdale Road Route.

Book to Collyhurst Street in every case.

There is a 10 minutes service on all routes on Saturdays; 15 minutes on Sundays.

For those who desire to walk from the City, Collyhurst Street is 15 to 20 minutes, proceeding up Oldham Road,

Anyone requiring meals upon arriving in Manchester are advised to dine in the City.

Conference meals will be provided in a hall about 7 minutes' walk from Collyhurst Church. The cost of meal tickets is 5s. each, for three meals.

The price of Billets is 6s. 6d. per delegate, for one or two nights. Except for members of the M.C., accommodation will be provided for Saturday and Sunday ONLY. Applications for Billets must be made to the Billet Secretary, Mr. J. S. Barnett, 7, Barlow Street, Openshaw, M/c. 11, as soon as possible, but not later than May 28th (first post). Please state clearly whether male or female and whether accommodation is for one or two nights. Kindly enclose 1½d. stamp for reply.

J. TAYLOR, Local Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Barrow-in-Furness (Dalkeith Street) Church and Lyceum have lost a valued worker in the transition of Mrs. Taft on April 5th. Mrs. Taft has not enjoyed good health for many years, but her passing was unexpected.

She has served both Church and Lyceum with enthusiasm for a long time. In the Churches of the district she was welcomed as a speaker who won people by her obvious sincerity, and as a very capable clairvoyant. In her own Lyceum, for several years, she was secretary, and, more recently, she was the treasurer. Popular with both young and old, she won our esteem by the way in which she lived out the religion in which she so fervently believed.

Mrs. Taft had a deep love for wild flowers, and many a sick room has been brightened by her gifts.

The interment ceremony was conducted by Mr. J. E. Rice, the President of the Church.

Representatives of all the local Churches were amongst those in the crowded church, and at the graveside, where the many beautiful tokens of sympathy bore eloquent testimony to the love and esteem in which Mrs. Taft was held by all who knew her.

To her husband and two sons we offer our sympathy in their physical loss, and our certain hope that, very soon, her continued love will be manifested to them.

DEWSBURY—It is with regret that I have to inform you of the passing into Spirit of our oldest Lyceumist, Mrs. Aaron Oakes, adopted daughter of the late Jim Kitson, brother of our beloved Alfred Kitson. Mrs. Oakes was a real good worker for our Lyceum and church, one whom it will be hard to replace, and will be long remembered for her zeal, energy and sacrifice for the cause she loved. The Passing took place on January 17th.—Ben Medley, Sec.

BRIXTON.—FOLL. In ever loving memory of my dear "boy" Douglas, who passed away April 11th, 1919.—Your ever loving mother.

"I wonder, I wonder,
God alone knows
How I wonder."

UNCLE BERT'S LETTER—Continued from page 70.

Never in the history of our movement was the strong team spirit more needed than now. As you read the agenda and report, you can compare it all to a great game, where the highest number of goals scored for what we consider best for the future of our movement will count. Let the team spirit prevail.

Finally, a personal note. It has been suggested that, after fifteen years, this page may have lost its value, and something new might take its place. I would like your frank opinions this month.

Greetings to all,

Ruberrondo,
126, Woodlands Road,
Isleworth, Middx.

UNCLE BERT,

The Knight Crusaders.

Headquarters:

340, South Lambeth Road, London, S.W.8.

UNDER THE CRUSADING BANNERS.

Easter Camp.

The weather proved ideal for camping, in this well-sheltered corner of Surrey; the woods were a riot of bluebells and primroses, wild cherry blossom and the air heavily laden with a clean, growing, bud and leaf scent. Right from the start, everything went off to time, without a single hitch or marring incident of any kind. Although medical supplies were far more than adequate, there were no "casualties" beyond briar scratches. Indeed, one of our girls, who always comes to camp with a bark of a cough, as usual left it behind her by the time camp came to a close. One thing is worth mentioning. Every time the K.Cs. have a camp, they make themselves so liked by their neighbours or fellow campers that they are genuinely welcomed on their next visit. Last time we were at Caterham, the Scouts invited our band to join them at their camp-fires and gave us a right royal time. This time, we extended the welcome to a troop of Girl Guides and Sea Rangers, to our mutual enjoyment and, I think, benefit. We exchanged ideas, experiences and so on, meeting on a common ground, and incidentally gaining new members as a result of our sojourn. We had many grand games, treasure hunts, trackings and a levelling of badgework, so that now we all feel fit as ninepins. So successful indeed was it, that we have decided to organise a Whitsun Camp, possibly to last a week, of which further details will be issued to all Squadrons, or can be obtained from Headquarters. Anyway, Camp, especially a K.C. Camp, can boast the toast "Here's health and fitness and lots of fun."

Badgework.

During camp, the following Crusaders qualified for their signalling badges, obtaining a very high standard indeed. Kt. Ensign J. D. Stewart (H.Q.), J. Betts (3rd Squadron) and Crusaders Ena Hardwick, Verda Hardwick and Pat Parry. Squadron Leader Walton (11th Squadron) distinguished himself in taking his woodcraft badge with flying colours, a very hard badge to obtain indeed. Kt. Ensigns J. Betts, and J. D. Stewart were also awarded their cookery badges.

Squadron Leader Walton has also been awarded the charge for Chivalry, not only for his general conduct and attitude towards others at camp and outside, but as a mark of achievement for the strenuous endeavours he has made to make himself worthy of merit.

"E" Crusading Cohort.

This very energetic Cohort, under the leadership of Kt. Adjutant A. H. Colbourne, has again distinguished itself with the number of badges its Crusaders have achieved.

The Palladin badge has been awarded to the commanding officer of the Cohort, in recognition of the untiring efforts he has put forward in the Crusade. He has spared himself nothing to build up the strength of the Squadrons in his command. He has sacrificed all his spare moments of rest to help those around him, and, believing in the principle of example, has

maintained a high standard of chivalry, service and unselfishness that is having a wonderful effect in the personnel and knights of his Cohort.

The following Crusaders passed their Mobile Tests successfully:—Squadron Leader Cartwright, Kt. Ensigns Bateman and A. Dinsdale, and Crusaders M. Peacock, T. Sewell and N. Bean. Kt. Ensign Bateman has been awarded the charge for chivalry, while Crusaders J. Cartwright and E. Levitt have earned the Kind Heart device. Crusader M. Peacock has won the Swimmer Badge and Squadron Leader Cartwright has gained her Cookery badge.

Will all Lyceumists and their friends who, not having a Squadron in their Lyceum, would like to join the Knight Crusaders and become a Knight Errant (Lone Knight) please write to me for full details of this new branch of the Crusade.

Wishing you a Crusader's knightly greetings,

F. C. PETZ,
Knight Commander.

BOOK REVIEWS.

"Teachings of Silver Birch." By A. W. Austen.
(Psychic Press, Ltd. 5s.).

"Silver Birch" is the Indian spirit guide of Hannen Swaffer's Home Circle and his teachings, through a medium who has been prepared from birth to manhood, are a collection of questions and answers dealing with the various puzzling problems of inquirers and convinced Spiritualists, upon seances, mediumship, communication, and life in the beyond.

His philosophy is of an elevated character and should be welcomed by all who are interested in the deeper metaphysics of spiritualism. While in many instances concise answers are given, there is no sign of dogmatism, but always an endeavour to *guide* humanity to a higher conception of God, Truth and Inspiration. The concluding chapter, a "Debate with a minister," throws an interesting light upon biblical questions.

We recommend this book to all requiring information concerning the laws of the spirit world, to progressive thinkers and spiritually-minded students.

"Materialisations." By Harry Boddington.
(Psychic Press, Ltd. 3s. 6d.).

The author of over 40 years, experience and experiment in Spiritualistic phenomena gives an interesting and detailed account of its production, and explains why some people unconsciously interfere with its success.

Many experiments under test conditions are related, which prove our case for survival and splendid arguments put forward to prove that the subconscious theory does not explain all mediumship. A chapter on the "Composition of Materialised Forms" is very instructive in its analysis of ectoplasm, while the many illustrations of psychic structure and human radiation add to the interest of the subject.

A very strong case is made out for the vindication of Mr. Clive-Holmes' mediumship and altogether the book can be recommended as useful to the analytical student of spiritualistic physical phenomena.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, THE LYCEUM BANNER.

In reply to Jack Lyne, I suggest the following.

Death is the severing of the silver cord from the physical body. When these earth temples fall and lie, they eventually return to mother earth.

Death is not the extinction of the spirit. This continues to function through a spirit body. Spiritually there is no Death.

EVA C. DEAN.

DEATH IS NOT.

Mr. Lyne asks for points that he has missed in his talk with an enquirer. It would seem that they both have been led to accept the word death as meaning something that it does not mean at all. Death is annihilation, the complete extinction of any form of life, a void, nothing. Now as they looked at the tombstones, could either of them deny that they were seeing life? It is true that it is a life vastly different from the form of life that we call human, but life it is just the same, expressing itself on an altered plane of existence. Life is that which IS, not merely confined to earthly or material things or matter but all things. Life is, death is not, the complete contradiction. To say that life is and then it changes to something that is not is contrary to logic. Something is always something, it cannot be nothing, and on the other hand nothing can never have the qualities of something. Life is not death nor can death assume a state of life. Does Mr. Lyne now see that what he looked at was life, and that it is impossible to look at death?

Regarding the contradiction in the Manual. The authors see the same subject from entirely different angles. T. L. Harris writes like someone who is trying to lessen the blow of the passing to the Summerland of a loved one, he seems to see the matter from the old Christian idea of heaven—with poet's licence. Whereas J. S. Adams looks at it from a more practical angle, and presents us with a poem more in accordance with the knowledge that Spiritualists possess. There is no need to be alarmed about the contradiction, even in such a splendid book as the Lyceum Manual. Let Jack Lyne take his best friend to the cinema, and it is very improbable that they will agree on their interpretation of the film in detail. Despite the fact that they are close friends their education, parentage, and environment has not been identical and so therefore they see things not with the same mental outlook. So it is the same with authors, poets, bishops and indeed all of us. It is advantageous to know the history of a man before we commence to express our views on the accuracy of his works; if we are aware of the type of thinker that he is then it considerably aids us to understand what he is trying to tell us. Does this convince our colleague that instead of death that he sees all around he now sees life expressing itself in a variety of changing forms?

JAMES LE NOURY, G.N.S.C.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

CARDIFF.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. All services were taken by the Lyceum. In the morning Mr. Arnold Boyes conducted the service. His address was on the advantages of the Lyceum teachings, and was very creditable for a first attempt. The afternoon session was taken by our assistant conductress, Mrs. Verncombe. Various items were given by Lyceumists. In the evening the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vickery was named. This was conducted by our conductress, Mrs. Harris. The address was given by Mr. Guy, late secretary of the Southern Lyceum District Council. We are grateful to all for a happy day.—J. E. Boyes, Sec.

WINNIPEG.—We held our open session on March 6th. Most of the Lyceumists gave pearls. Readings, Miss Anderson, Mr. Connor, E. Runzer, and M. Lass. Recitations, Daphne, Brian and Garth Orchard. Organ solo, Harry Forrest. Piano-forte solo, Raymond Clasper. Vocal solo, Mrs. Parkinson. We were all very happy to have with us Mr. Garth Orchard, of Trenton, Ontario, and his sister, Mrs. Bert Glenn, who are holidaying in Winnipeg.

On April 3rd we held our Open Service. Good attendance and a hearty response to pearls. Recitation by Miss Anderson, Daphne Orchard, Ailre Connon, Alice Welsh, Margaret Connon, Mae Beardsley, Margaret Lass, Margaret Connor and Tom Connor. Pianoforte solo: R. Clasper. A very happy session.—R. Parkinson, Sec.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

Bolton L.D.C. held their Annual Competitive Concert at Hindley Church on March 26th. It was very well attended and there was a great response to the entries of the different items. Various certificates were won by Lyceumists from Bury, West-houghton, Hindley and Horwich. Thanks to all who helped to make it a great success; also to our Hindley friends for catering for all.

A very enjoyable Ramble to Rivington Pike was held on Good Friday. About 60 Lyceumists and friends journeyed to Horwich Church and then set off on the ramble. They all returned to Horwich Church for tea, and then we all enjoyed a Social Evening. Thanks to the Horwich friends for the use of the Church and providing tea and those who made it a success.

E. VERNON, Sec.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The above Council held its Monthly Meeting at the Milton Lyceum on Saturday, April 9th, 1938, when four Lyceums sent five delegates, also three Associate Members, two Junior Associate Members and all Officers, making a total of fifteen present. The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. Wilman.

The meeting opened with the singing of Hymn No. 368 from the Manual. Miss Craig gave the Invocation.

Mrs. Fox, of the Milton Lyceum, gave the Conference a hearty welcome and hoped that the business done would be beneficial not only to the Council, but to the Movement as a whole.

The Minutes of last Council Meeting were passed as read, as also was the Correspondence, Financial Report, District Visitor's Report and Fraternal Delegate's Report.

It was decided to place Mr. H. Barnes on the Roll of Life Membership, also to send a Delegate to Annual Conference.

The Interchange of Conductors is to be put on the Agenda for next Council Meeting, which will be held at the Otley Road Lyceum on Sunday, May 8th, at 10-30 a.m.

Our thanks are due to the Milton friends for the splendid tea prepared for us, which was done full justice to, bringing to a close another good time for the Lyceum Cause.

H. HARGREAVES, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY AND DEMONSTRATION.

The first meeting in connection with our Annual Demonstration was held at the National Spiritualist Church, Commercial Street, Batley, on Saturday, April 2nd, 1938.

Mr. Whitelock, our worthy President, presided.

Opening Exercise, 398, "Shoulder to Shoulder." Invocation, Mr. Whitelock. Welcome by Miss Hirst, Batley Lyceum, the President suitably replying.

Agreed the Field Day for 1938 at York. Date of Demonstration, Saturday, July 9th. Mr. Whitwam, York, elected Field Day Secretary. Field Marshall, Mr. Daisley (Leeds Psycho). Assistants, Mr. Watkins (Batley Carr), Mr. T. Hirst (Batley), Mr. Silcock (Royston), Miss Hirst (Liversedge). Musical Conductor, Mr. Brown (Batley). Band Steward, Mr. Webster (York). Council Messenger, Miss Massey (Armley). Bands engaged, Wakefield Old and Royston Prize Bands.

Agreed further tenders obtained for catering for next meeting. Ice cream tender (Questa) accepted. Selling rights, 30s. Printing tender from Royston accepted, 23s. 6d. per 1,000.

Hymns: "Children's Day Welcome" and "Shoulder to Shoulder."

Lyceums in Procession: (1) York, (2) Liversedge, (3) Heckmondwike, (4) Dewsbury, (5) Batley, (6) Royston, Carlton Road, (7) Batley Carr, (8) Armley, (9) Hull, No. 1, (10) Wakefield, (11) Castleford, (12) Leeds Psycho, (13) Dairycoates, (14) Visiting Lyceums. Agreed to invite Cleckheaton and Morley (Queen Street). Council Secretary to arrange with Railway Company for Special Train, if possible. Dewsbury and Batley notified the Council making their own travelling arrangements, which has made it more difficult to arrange train service.

Agreed to invite one representative from each Lyceum Council, District Committee and Y.D.C.

Next meeting to be held at Eddecliffe, Liversedge, on Saturday, May 7th.

A. W. HARDING, Council Secretary.

Lyceum Secretaries please note:—

Field Secretary, Mr. Whitwam, 11, Dennison Street, Huntington Road, York.

S. Whitwam, Field Day Secretary.