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**W**E are told that Atlas, a titanic giant of mythology, carried the world on his shoulders.

Let this be as it may: the Management Committee of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union is called upon to carry its organisation back to its high standard of efficiency and financial stability.

This calls for a supreme effort on the part of every person interested in the cause of educating the young in the truths of Spiritualism.

The Trustees and Management Committee have held a joint meeting at which it was decided to invite, not only Lyceumists, but Church members and friends to co-operate with us in our efforts, by becoming Associate Members.

Such membership to include the right to attend and speak at Conference, at the Associate Member's own expense.

The Fees payable to The General Secretary, B.S.L.U. Office, 41, John Dalton Street, Manchester,

are—5s. per annum which includes a copy of the LYCEUM BANNER being sent to you by post each issue, or 2s. 6d. (without BANNER).

As in the case of those going to see a first night show at the theatre, there has already been a rush to get in first. The following members have already been accepted—

Mr. and Mrs. Slimin.  
Mr. and Mrs. Burrows.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fruin.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mills.  
Mrs. L. George.  
Mr. and Mrs. Railton  
Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robson.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mack.  
Miss G. M. Halliday.  
Mrs. Dean.

We not only ask you to join us as Associate Members but in order that we may spread the interest of

our cause throughout the world, we ask you to also invite your friends to link up with us in this way. Please fill in the form below.

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## An Open Letter from the President.

Fellow Lyceumists,

As this is the first opportunity that I have had since our Annual Conference of getting into touch with readers of the BANNER I am claiming the privilege of prefacing this letter with a few words of greeting, good wishes and thanks. Greetings to those who are facing, with the Union's officials, the prospect of another year of service in our Cause. Good wishes for our future success; a deeper comradeship and the happiness that follows the realisation of united effort. Thanks for all the evidences of loyalty, willing help and comprehending co-operation that have been shown in the days that are passed.

Mention of our Annual Conference leads naturally to a few comments upon it. Some who were present probably noticed that, when declaring the Conference closed, the President spoke of it as a "Remarkable" Conference.

It was remarkable in several ways, but in none more than in the deep, almost tense, atmosphere of earnestness that pervaded our meetings. Recognition of the critical state of our Union's affairs, financial and general, undoubtedly created a spirit of determination to 'see things through,' and I think we are quite safe in affirming that there has not been, for many years, a Lyceum Conference which produced so little fatuitous discussion and so much practical constructiveness.

The officers whose duty it is to prepare, from full verbatim notes, a report of Conference proceedings for the BANNER pages have found this year's task more than ordinarily difficult and they have had to replace their former method of cutting out that which was unnecessary with one of including only that which was more important.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that things are not actually 'done' in Conference. Momentous decisions may be reached; campaigns may be planned; machinery may be set in motion, but the actual work is always performed in your M.C. meetings, your District Councils and, most important, your Lyceums.

The Management Committee have their full share of responsibility to face and I am glad to be able to report that they have already got down to the task and are working out a reconstructive plan which we trust will be favourably received and enthusiastically adopted throughout the Movement.

In conjunction with the Trustees, the M.C. have carefully considered possible ways and means of stabilising the financial affairs of the Union.

Several schemes were considered, about which you will doubtless hear in due course, but it must be emphasised here that there is no 'magic wand' method of 'waving' ourselves back to prosperity.

One very important decision was come to, the effects of which can be very far-reaching and, given right reception, can show almost immediate results.

After careful consideration of the Constitution and Bye-laws it has been decided to invite *all who are interested in the welfare of the Lyceum Movement* to become "Associates" of the Union.

To those who are steeped in tradition, custom, rules and regulations, etc., this may seem a bold, even a

revolutionary step, but all such may rest assured that it has been taken only after earnest thought and, finally, the unanimous approval of the Management Committee and the Trustees of the Union.

Associate fees and other particulars will be found on another page of this issue of the BANNER and I appeal here to all Lyceumists to appoint themselves as "Associate recruiting officers." Get round amongst your friends, in your Churches and elsewhere, and induce them to enrol in "Association" with us.

Remember that, apart from the interest in our Movement that can be aroused, 1,000 Associate fees will cover the loss on our year's working and so leave the M.C. free to use other schemes to build up our resources.

Acting on a Conference instruction that the M.C. consider a scheme for putting into operation the four points of the President's address, a small committee of M.C. members, with power to co-opt, has been elected. The duties of this Committee will include the formulation of methods, to be published in the BANNER, whereby Lyceum Conductors and Leaders may be helped towards a greater efficiency in their work. I shall be pleased to hear from, or of, those who are particularly adapted to this work and who would be willing to help either by serving as co-opted members of the committee or by correspondence, etc., especially from members of the scholastic professions.

Preparations for the inauguration of the new scheme of education, which received generally favourable comment in Conference, are well in hand, and for this too, we would ask the support of all Lyceumists.

The Treasurer and Gen. Secretary have a busy time ahead with the task of drawing up comparative figures which will aid the M.C. in their consideration of possible future income and commitments.

I am only able in this letter to enumerate some of the activities on which we are embarking. Others will be brought to your notice in due time.

We are endeavouring to keep alive the undoubted spirit of enthusiasm and confidence displayed by our Conference delegates. If this can be done and that spirit spreads throughout our districts there is a good time ahead for Lyceumism.

Yours fraternally,

THE PRESIDENT.

PRIZES for successful Lyceumists were presented by Mrs. Allen at Portsmouth Lyceum recently. This being the 12th Annual Event of its kind.

GREETINGS from Mrs. Galpin of South Africa are appreciated, we hope for news of spreading the Lyceum work here.

LOOK AT THIS for Anniversary Services. The Hetton and District Progressive Lyceum evidently believe in doing things on a large scale.

They take two Sundays for their services, and for three Sundays the adults and children paraded the principal street of Hetton accompanied by Master J. Hodgson and his accordion. This is what I call propaganda.

NOTTINGHAM Lyceum District Council held a Reunion Massed Session on July 10th, which was full of interest. I pass on the message given by Mr. Masters "Never grow too old for the Lyceum."

# OUR CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

## HER INTEREST IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Chairman of the Trustees, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, J.P., has very recently retired from active association with the Hebden Bridge Urban District Council.

One of the aims of our Lyceum Movement is to induce our members to take an active part in local government work, so that they can use their Lyceum training as a means of introducing our Principles to the larger world.

Mrs. Greenwood is a shining example because of her activities in this direction. It is interesting to know that she claims to have received her training for Council work through her Presidency of the Lyceum Union, and, later, the Spiritualists' National Union. Mrs. Greenwood was the first woman to hold the Presidency of the Lyceum Union.

She has seen 16 years service with the Urban District Council and upon her retirement the following was printed in the local newspaper.

Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, J.P., has a unique record of public service. She was the first woman to be elected a member of the Hebden Bridge U.D. Council in 1922, and is the only woman who has been appointed a magistrate in the Todmorden Petty Sessional Division, receiving her appointment in 1921; but her public service began long before that.

Mrs. Greenwood has for a long period been closely identified with the public and religious life of the Upper Calder Valley. She entered public life in 1907 when she became the first lady member of the Todmorden Board of Guardians, and served for six years. After she retired she continued to take an active interest in the work of the Guardians, and served as a member of the Boarding Out Committee. Whilst on the Guardians she was keenly interested in the welfare of the poor and orphan children, and was in the forefront of the movement which resulted in the Children's Home at Mankinholes being established. In later years Mrs. Greenwood served on the Public Assistance Committee and so renewed acquaintance with the work of the former Guardians.

When the first Old Age Pensions Act was introduced in 1908, Mrs. Greenwood was appointed Secretary to the local Committee, and she still holds the position. This is in itself a fine record of service. In 1920 her name was put forward as a suitable candidate as a magistrate under the new regulations which provided for women Justices of the Peace. She had not long to wait for her appointment, and it was a worthy recognition of her services to the local district in many ways.

Prior to becoming a member of the Council in 1919, Mrs. Greenwood had for a lengthy period been a member of the Hebden Bridge Elementary Education Committee, Technical Education Committee, and Grammar School Governors, and served as Chairman

of the latter body. Being trained for the teaching profession it was natural that she should be particularly interested in education, and she is still a member of the three authorities. Her long experience has made her an invaluable member, and she has served on sub-committees which have been deputed to undertake special work.

Mrs. Greenwood was successful at the first election she contested in 1919 being fifth in a list of 13 candidates. She missed re-election in 1922, but regained her place in the Council in 1925 and has served continuously up to the present time. She was elected as one of the new members of the Hebden Royd U.D. Council and was appointed the first lady chairman of the old Council in April, 1929. During her period of office she carried out the duties of leading citizen very creditably. Both in the Council Chamber and in social life she upheld the high traditions of the office. Mrs. Greenwood was chairman of the Housing and Properties Committee when the housing developments were carried out on the Eaves Estate.

For many years Mrs. Greenwood was actively associated with the Co-operative Movement and served on the General Committee of the Hebden Bridge Co-operative Society for 21 years. She has also served on the Society's Education Committee, and is a prominent member of the Co-operative Women's Guild.

The Hebden Bridge National Spiritualist Church claims Mrs. Greenwood's whole-hearted support, and she has done more than any person to establish it in this district. She holds the position of Treasurer and through her keeping a keen eye on the expenditure the members were able to purchase their church premises some time ago. She is known throughout the country as a Spiritualist and is one of the leading speakers in the Movement. She has served on the Council of the Movement, and in 1897-98 the Jubilee year of Modern Spiritualism, she was elected President of the National Union being the first woman to hold the position.

For some years she has been associated with the Labour Movement and when she first joined the Council she was a nominee of the Hebden Bridge Trades and Labour Council. Last year she came forward as an Independent Candidate.

Mrs. Greenwood's retirement from the Council does not indicate that she is retiring from public service. Only last week she was appointed President of the newly-formed Hebden Bridge Branch of the National Spinsters' Association. She has given fine service to Hebden Bridge from the time when she was the pioneer of local women's representation in public work. Her retirement is a loss to the civic life of the district for she has been a useful and able public representative.

RAIN may stop cricket matches, but it did not stop the Bury Lyceumists from enjoying a real day's outing.

They evidently made a full day's event of it, seeing ships, visiting Port Sunlight, witnessing the Life Boat being called out, and enjoying a breeze from the briny.

RE-OPENED is a word I like to see in my recordings. On this occasion it applies to Bowes Park, which was closed for sometime, but who now report good progress and a desire to become a real part of the movement again; congratulations to all concerned.

# OUR LYCEUM GUILD

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

Dear Guildites,

Our list of new members is not as long as last month, but we are very pleased to welcome the following people into our midst:—

- 73 Mr. J. E. Hart, Longsight.
- 74 Mr. T. Ellis, Huddersfield.
- 75 Mr. A. E. Fruin, Hampton Wick.
- 76 Mrs. Fruin, Hampton Wick.
- 77 Miss D. Fruin, Hampton Wick.
- 78 Mrs. A. E. Rushton, Calgary.

Mrs. Rushton writes regularly from Calgary, and has been a Guild member since Our Guild was reformed. She is the live force that keeps the Lyceum going in Calgary, and I am sure that you will send helpful thoughts to her, and to all those whom she has encouraged to take the examinations held both by the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U.

Those of you who were at Conference will remember that I remarked upon the small number of examinations that Guildites had passed, as only one person said he had passed an exam. other than those included in the B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. Schemes. I did not know whether this was due to innate modesty, or whether we really had got a collection of folks who had no interests outside the Movement. However, since I spoke things have been remedied. In fact, some of the forms handed to me at Conference gave these very particulars, and Mr. Hart, of Longsight, has also helped to improve my education by explaining what all the letters after his name stand for. So please do not be modest or shy in future, but let me know what you have done, so that I shall have a guide as to where your interests lie.

### Finance.

This month I have received 6s. in Associate Fees and spent 3s. 4d. in postage, so that the balance in hand now is £10. 0s. 9½d.

### Items of Interest.

You will all be pleased to hear that Mrs. Greenwood is still going strong, and is doing very well, although she is not equal to travelling about the country as she would like.

You will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Grieve had to be rushed to hospital for an operation, but I am pleased to say she is going on very nicely and expects to be home again by the time you are reading this. She has been the envy of the ward because of her post, and she says herself that she had no idea she was so rich in friends.

I have had another letter from Mary Winterbottom, thanking me for *you good people* who are writing to her. You will carry on with your letters and cards, won't you? She is not too grand at the moment, and is

having extra grains of morphia to deaden the pain. So your letter may arrive just at the opportune moment when it is needed to take thoughts away from the pain. The address is B2 Side Ward, County Hospital, Clayton, Bradford. In her letter she tells me how she has made covers for cream jugs or sugar basins, in order to raise money for her Lyceum. The profit is quite good—4s. for every dozen. So if you would care to try your hands at them write to me for full particulars.

One of our members, George Mack of Runcorn, has gained a scholarship, and after the holidays he will be going to the Wade Deacon Grammar School at Widnes. He has also worked very hard in his school examinations, so that he is top of his class. Well done, George! May you work as well in your new school and be a credit to your home and Lyceum training!

Things are humming again at Blackburn Lyceum. The great day was June 26th, when they had their Flower Services, and when our General Secretary, Mrs. Mills, conducted the naming ceremony for our youngest Guildite, Madge Railton. Then "The Imperials" presented "Subterfuge," a four-act drama, at the Barton Street Teetotal Christian Mission, on July 7th.

The Guild Class at Batley Carr is still carrying on. They have sent a parcel of stamps from "Happy," one of their Guildites. Happy, with the help of others, is collecting used stamps, and he has hit on the ingenious idea of doubling the number each month. He collected five in January, 10 in February, 20 in March, and so on. They have been busy doing a little sum at Batley Carr and have discovered that a grand total of 20,475 will have been sent by the year end. This Lyceum had an outing to Cleethorpes at Whitsuntide, and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Bury Guild Class is still full of enthusiasm, and I am sure they would be glad for any of you to visit them on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9. Then they would show you how to run a Guild Class and answer any of your queries.

### To all of you.

Summer holidays are here again, and already passed for some of you. Have a good time, and get as much fresh air as the weather will allow you. Find something different from your everyday work to do, and then you will feel full of life and energy when you return to the scene of your labours.

Then when you have settled down once more see what you can do about forming and running a Guild Class at your Lyceum. For I am confident that the most benefit is obtained by meeting together each week.

My thanks to those who are still collecting and sending stamps direct to the hospital. Every little helps to swell the funds, and at the year end we hope the total will surpass that of last year.

Please send your loving thoughts to Our Guild friends in Canada and South Africa, who, though far removed by earthly space, are very near to us in spirit. Their work and efforts are indeed an inspiration to

The Guild Leader,

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

# UNCLE BERT'S LETTER

FOR HOME  
AND OVER-  
SEAS

My dear Boys and Girls,

Although there are suggestions being made that the holiday periods should be spread over, I think I am safe in concluding that this is still the general holiday month for most of you.

This month then a few holiday thoughts will not be out of place, for I take it you are all excitement hoping to visit the seaside or country.

It so happens that I was recently travelling in the Liverpool Express train, when I again witnessed the usual Goodbye scenes which always take place when friends and relations are parting.

## Boys will be Boys.

This is a statement which we often hear when some kind-hearted friend is trying to excuse boys who have perhaps been up to mischief. I want to tell you about two young boys with whom I travelled.

## We have done our part.

Two friends were seeing them off from London, and as grown up friends always are, they were evidently very anxious about the boys' safety on such a long journey.

After giving them what they considered were necessary instructions they asked them to tell their parents or friends that they had done their part in seeing them off safely.

They then appealed to me to see that they were alright. Unfortunately I could only undertake this task for part of the journey, as I was not going the whole way.

## It is now up to us.

To my surprise these were the parting words of one of the boys, therefore I thought to myself, "here is a great game for me to play. I'll be a detective and watch these two young rascals and see what they do when their friends' backs are turned."

## The first temptation.

The sight of an Ice Cream man on the platform was certainly too much for them not to leave their seats to secure an ice, but this they did with the greatest caution, so although I had my eye on them, I could not have them up for that.

## Off we go.

The train moved out of the station. It was then that I thought the fun would start, expecting to see the carriage window opened and two heads leaning out. Then would come my chance, but no, nothing doing, they just sat in their corners looking very pleased with themselves, little knowing that I was making notes about them in my note book.

All detectives have to do this, so I could not play my part without doing this could I?

## Another Goodbye.

After three hours journey I had to leave them, with

what results? Why that I was just as proud of those two boys as though they were my own.

They had made a wonderful statement to their friends when they said "It is now up to us." They acted up to it the whole journey.

The only thing left for me to do before leaving them was to say "Your name and address please" telling them that they would hear from me later.

To their surprise they will get a copy of this letter.

## Now it's up to you.

Many of you will be going away to Camps or other places, travelling alone.

Your mothers and fathers will be seeing you off at the station, they will be giving you all kinds of instructions, and of course they will say "Be a good boy, or girl" as the case may be. You'll reply "Alright Mother, alright Dad, we'll be good."

Once the train or coach starts and you've waved until your parents are out of sight, everything is fine.

## What's your next move?

It's just up to you to keep your promise, as my two young friends did. Someone may be taking note of you while you are away too.

What a grand thing to feel you can be relied on so that when you return home again you can say "we did our part."

Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I wish you all a happy holiday, hoping you will enjoy every minute of it, coming back fit and strong to restart school again.

## Reliance.

Again my message to the younger members applies just as much to you older ones who read this page.

To feel that someone in the office, workshop, or factory, is relying on us is a point worth thinking about.

Furthermore to know that your Lyceum Officers are relying on you to carry out some part of the Session is also worth a thought.

## Carrying it out.

Is the greatest achievement of all, because someone has put their trust in us and we have not failed them. Yes, it is so easy to make promises on the spur of the moment, with the best of intentions of carrying them into effect, but something happens that we just forget, and the promise melts away into thin air.

## Does it matter?

Yes I think it does, for often it means a lost opportunity of service which I wrote to you about in my last month's letter.

Someone else carries on. That may be so, but it was you they wanted, it was you they were relying on and however good the substitute may be, it is not the same.

I will leave the thought with you which was expressed by my travelling companions. "It is now up to us." I feel sure you will see to it that you play your part and by so doing the world will be the better for it.

Greetings to all,

Ruberrondo,

126, Woodlands Rd.,

Isleworth, Middx.

UNCLE BERT.

## QUESTION BOX.

THIS COLUMN IS OPEN FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS. PLEASE ADDRESS THEM TO "PATHFINDER," c/o EDITOR, B.S.L. UNION, 41, JOHN DALTON STREET, MANCHESTER 2.

*The Lyceum Union has six Principles. The S.N.U. has seven. Why?*

*The wording of the S.N.U. Principles differs from that in the Manual, and has no comparison except for the first two. Why?*

In 1928 the Manual Revision Committee asked Conference for the authority to consider the advisability of revising the Principles as given in G.C.R. 136. After discussing about five sets, this committee recommended to the 1930 B.S.L.U. Conference "the adoption of the Seven Principles as in the S.N.U. Memorandum of Association." This was agreed to by Conference. The six Principles remain in the Manual because a revised Manual has not yet been published.

*What was the origin of the Silver and Golden Chain Recitations in the Manual?*

The style of the readings and recitations is based upon the Original A. J. Davis Manual then published and used in America. Two quotations from this Manual will serve to show their purpose. (a) "The chief charm of these recitations consists in the rapid-recurring *alternations* in the pronunciation causing the children to fix their thoughts on the whole *sense* of the subject matter, so that they will be ready to recite the words which *connect* with what the conductor has just spoken."

(b) "The children of the Groups are taught to walk gracefully through several healthful and instructive movements called "The Silver Chain," "The Golden Chain," "The Fountains Flow," "The Diamond Crown," "The Constellations," "The Morning Stars," "The Dancing Stream," etc., etc. A description of which is reserved for a future edition of this little volume, when many important details, not essential in the first stages of this new organisation for Youth, will be more fully set forth."

The history of the development of the B.S.L.U. Manual is given in the Students Handbook No. 2., Section B. VI.

*What is a deformed Spirit?*

Spirit is the name given to that "life force" which, we suggest, can neither be seen nor analysed and of which man knows little, if anything, except through its manifestation in some form.

The information received from the "other side" tends to show that even in the higher spheres spirits operate through a spirit body, however refined that may be. The implication of the term "deformed spirit" is "the effect of our imperfect thoughts and actions of this earth-life upon the spirit body."

## BOOK REVIEWS.

"What Mediumship Is." By HORACE LEAF, F.R.G.S. Psychic Press, Ltd. 3/6.

The author's long experience and careful analysis of the nature and operation of psychic force drawn from his own mediumship and that of many well known mediums of our present generation, well equips him for the task of writing his book. It is a commendable work.

The presentation of the different phases of the psychic faculties is dealt with from a psychological as well as a spiritualistic point of view.

It is written in simple language, void of unnecessary technicalities. Certain psychological experiences dealing with "dream-consciousness," "psychometry" "telepathy," and the "subconsciousness," are explained and all phases of spiritualistic phenomena discussed and practical advice offered to intending mediums.

It is pleasing to note that the author recommends a well ordered natural way of living as the best basis for the development of a satisfactory mediumship.

L.G.

**The Psychic Life of Jesus.** By The Rev. G. MAURICE ELLIOTT. Psychic Press Ltd., 5s.

In these days when the controversy between Christianity, Spiritualism and Christian Spiritualism appears to be leading merely to confusion of thought and ideas there must be many people who will welcome gladly the concisely expressed and lucidly explained findings of a writer who, because of his study, training and experience, is eminently qualified to discuss all three sides of the 'triangle.'

In his new book, "The psychic life of Jesus," the Rev. G. Maurice Elliott does this in a manner both spiritually refreshing and intellectually instructive.

Dealing with the so-called 'miraculous' teachings of the New Testament, the writer, by the simple expedient of logical reasoning and 'natural' explanation, brings them all within the purview of Modern Spiritualism's revelations, and this without in any way detracting from the sublimity of ancient scripture.

There may be those who would criticise on the grounds that the author pre-supposes the acceptance of the authenticity of the Bible stories, but this criticism is disarmed by the fact that such authenticity is not insisted on. The 'argument' of the book remains sound in any case.

This is undoubtedly a book worth reading and recommending.

*Where is the Spiritual Kingdom?*

Strictly speaking the Spiritual Kingdom is everywhere because spirit manifests everywhere. But, there are different stages of this manifestation, from inanimate forms to highly organised conscious beings.

Man, unlike the lower forms, has the ability to appreciate he is spirit and subject to spiritual laws. It is not until he is in tune with these that he lives in the Spiritual Kingdom in the truest sense of the word.

"PATHFINDER."



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## THE TEST MATCH.

Standing at the Office Window watching the continual rain descending, going into the street below hearing "No play to-day" was my experience during the Manchester Test Match. Therefore I allowed my mind to draw a few comparisons. Not that I profess to being a cricket fan, but just knowing enough about the game to take a few points and compare them with the present position of our Union.

Much as I might say "the M.C.C.,"—to use the name of a famous cricket club—I must content myself to drop one C., making it the M.C. In other words, the Management Committee are at present facing the greatest test they have ever been called upon to play.

In an age when the demand of youth has changed to such an extent that it is hard to know or understand just exactly what is needed to hold them together with the team spirit it is no easy problem we have to face.

Thus it is that the M.C. are now taking a stand for victory. Can they achieve it? I think they can, providing their supporters do not fail them.

In the Movement to-day we have every type of player.

The real solid stone wallers who are unmoveable, they will face fast or slow bowling with the spirit of determination that, come what will, they will stand their ground.

We have also those who are capable of scoring a century by their efforts to-day, but who to-morrow are clean bowled for a duck.

There are those, too, who are so easily tempted to strike out at anything which comes along, that they are caught in the slips, having to walk back to the pavilion disappointed.

Then, regarding the fielding abilities of the rank and file of our members, we have those who are alert to every opportunity, while others are willing to let someone else run after the ball for them.

Now for the great test; it will not be limited to four days, it has to be played out to a finish.

It may take a year or even two before the score board reveals the result, but this is a certainty, the M.C., with all its supporters, is playing against a very strong opposing side.

It means bringing in new ideas, new players, outside reserves, making appeal after appeal. It needs all the "Hammonds" and "Bradmans" there are in the Movement to-day to take the field. It needs every individual who has the slightest interest in the welfare of youth to become a player.

There are no separate entrances for professionals or amateurs, they are all one in this great test match, in which the Movement is now engaged.

The ground has been well prepared, the wicket is a good one, all that is needed are thousands of keen enthusiasts to support us, then victory is in the bag.

It is true of some that one type of sport or another becomes their God.

In drawing these few comparisons I can only hope that the Lyceum Movement may in like manner become the greatest ideal of every Lyceumist, for then, and then alone, shall we be in a position to face every opposing side which confronts us.

The Test Match is now in progress, buy the LYCEUM BANNER monthly for the latest scores.

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NO REAL SPORTSMAN WILL MISS THIS CHANCE.

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## IN MEMORIA.

ENTWISTLE.—On Sunday, July 10th, the transition took place of my dear Father, Oswald Entwistle, at 14, Beard Road, Gorton.

A long sufferer with a well-earned rest, and re-united with Mother in the Land of Spirit.

Beautiful services conducted by Mrs. Guy, A.N.S.C. July 13th, 1938.

"By the beautiful gate they watch and they wait,  
Till his feet did cease to roam;  
And over the river that sings forever,  
The Dear One was taken home."

From his sorrowing daughter, GLADYS.

LEVER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Morrison Lever, who passed to Higher Service on July 15th, 1938. For a long time he was actively associated with the Bury Lyceum.

Suffered patiently.

From his loving wife.

# REPORT OF THE B. S. L. U. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HELD ON  
SATURDAY and SUNDAY, JUNE 4th and 5th, 1938  
IN THE  
NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, COLLYHURST STREET  
MANCHESTER

Mr. J. Slimin, President, in the Chair.

Prior to the opening exercises the President invited to seats on the platform Mrs. Pickles and Mr. Keeling, both Past Presidents of the B.S.L.U., and present as S.N.U. delegates; Mr. G. F. Berry, Mrs. Guy (Past President), and Mrs. Rothwell (a former member of the M.C.).

Conference proceedings opened with the singing of "Hall of Progress." Mrs. George gave the invocation.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### *Messenger:*

Master W. Robinson, Newton Heath.

### *Tellers:*

Mr. J. Le Noury, Sheffield L.D.C.

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

### *Scrutineers:*

Mrs. Robson, Tyneside L.D.C.

Mrs. M. E. Grieve, N.E. Lancashire L.D.C.

Mr. E. Nellist, Tees-side L.D.C.

Mr. C. T. Batley, Fleetwood.

**Nominations for additional Member of S.O.C.**  
from floor of Conference.

MR. BARNETT moved:

**Mr. E. A. Keeling.**

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. A. SHAW (Auditor)  
seconded:

**That nominations close.** *Agreed.*

Mr. E. A. Keeling elected.

## WELCOME FROM MRS. GUY ON BEHALF OF THE L.D.C.

MRS. GUY: Mr. President, Members of the Management Committee, delegates and friends, the honour is mine to offer to you a very cordial welcome to the district of Collyhurst, Manchester.

In offering you a welcome on behalf of the Manchester and Salford L.D.C. to our city we do so with a view, not only of increasing your activities, but of increasing our efforts on behalf of our Movement.

THE PRESIDENT suitably replied to the welcome.

## MINUTES.

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. WOOD seconded:

**That the Minutes be accepted as printed.**

*Agreed.*

## MATTERS ARISING.

MRS. ANDREWS: With regard to the motion put

forward by Runcorn Lyceum and which I seconded, regarding a Special Day for the Ainsworth Home of Rest Fund, the details of a method being left to the M.C. Will you tell me what they have done in the matter?

PRESIDENT: The matter has had the consideration of your Management Committee and in the Interim Report you will receive the information required for that question.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MISS OWEN seconded:

**That the Minutes be adopted.** *Agreed.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of greeting were read from Mr. Mason and Mrs. Greenwood.

MRS. GEORGE moved, MR. BURROWS seconded:

**That the letters be accepted and that we send a letter to Mr. Mason and a special letter to Mrs. Greenwood offering her sympathy and hope for her speedy recovery.** *Agreed.*

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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

MR. HART moved, MRS. LONG seconded:

**That the President's Address be accepted.**

VICE-PRESIDENT: I think, friends, that we should congratulate our President in placing before us a very plain statement of the conditions of our Union. There are vital points about which we must concern ourselves if we are going to continue and be really progressive. He emphasises that membership is the basic question and also draws your attention to the fact of the seriousness of our financial position, which really comes to a point of honour whether we pledge beyond the point of security. I hope there will be a good number of delegates take part in the discussion, and particularly on the four suggestions of a constructive nature.

MRS. GRIEVE, MR. LE NOURY and MRS. SNOWDEN-HALL commented on the state of the Lyceums in their own districts.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Don't mistake the vital points in this address. Do you think there is any way by which we can get a decision on one or other of the suggestions contained in the Address?

MR. SHAW (Auditor): I would like to make a resolution here, which I think will ease the financial position.

1. That we approach the Trustees to settle Wadsworth's accounts.
2. That we approach Wadsworth's to handle our stock.
3. That we appoint an Honorary Secretary to the Union.
4. That we appoint an Honorary Editor to the Banner and that the two be appointed to the M.C.

VICE-PRESIDENT: That could be far better dealt with later on, if Mr. Shaw will accept that.

MR. SHAW: As long as we have a definite time for discussion.

MR. BURROWS: That is a financial resolution and does not arise out of the President's Address.

MR. SHAW: I withdraw the resolution for the moment.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Our President has asked this Conference to realise that we are approaching saturation point. We have got to find our Management Committee something to work with. The Management Committee have at the moment roughly a debt of £700. We have got about £800 of tied-up capital. Are you going to your own districts to institute Manual drives, increase the sales of publications, and at the same time instruct the Management Committee to increase the price of publications? I will outline three ideas you can follow:—Increase capitation; increase sales; increase prices.

MR. MEDLEY: I agree with the President in his first comment, that the decrease in membership is the source of our troubles. The trouble with the Movement is that you cannot keep the Lyceumists between 14 and 18. I suggest that the M.C. should be able to formulate some scheme and not provide money. Some idea that could be got down to Lyceumists to keep the children there.

MR. KEELING: I do not think there is any Lyceumist of any length of standing but must realise the utmost seriousness of the position that has been so fairly presented to us by our President in his Address, and, personally, I should like to congratulate him on the courage it must have taken to state so very frankly the position in which he knows the Union to be.

The Lyceum Movement has ceased to be in the vanguard of modern methods. In its early days the Lyceum Movement was years in advance of anything then current. I think our President is right when he says that we are not moving at the rate of a fast-moving age.

The remedy for that is that we must drastically re-form our methods and bring them up to at least the methods of to-day, adopting anything that is going to facilitate our growth.

I agree from the very depth of my being

with Mr. Slimin. The last thing that we must think of, the very last, if ever we think of it, is 'giving up.'

How we are going to carry on is a matter for very serious and prolonged discussion, but carry on we must. We are holders of a trust and that trust is one to which everyone who has the Lyceum Cause at heart must remain for ever true. I speak now, not as the delegate of the S.N.U., I speak as a Lyceumist of many years standing, but, in spite of anything that may be thought to the contrary, one who has the interest of this Movement and Cause ever at heart.

MR. FRUIN: It does not matter how many resolutions and how many schemes we put into force, the individual is the person to carry them out. I want us in this Conference to-day to endeavour as individuals to try whatever scheme is advised, not only just to report them, but to get them working.

MR. SHAW (Bacup): Can the President, through the suggestions in his Address, say that he has definite grounds for the result of the Lyceums losing Lyceumists? And, on the other hand, can he give us some authority whereby we can take the responsibility?

VICE-PRESIDENT: It seems to me that if we are going to let this Address pass like this we are not going to do very much. Please think of putting this Address in the hands of our M.C. We could then do something. This is a splendid address for constructive work. Instruct them to do something with it.

PRESIDENT: Out of this discussion I see, for my own part, a great amount of encouragement. We need a real national outlook and to consider that anything that we are doing is for a National Union and not for the little Lyceums to which we happen to be attached.

If the President had his own way he would stop trying to turn out little Lyceumists that are just like us. That has been the mistake that we have been making for years. We have set ourselves up as a pattern.

I do want to thank Mr. Keeling for his contribution to this discussion. We do want to get modern methods into our Lyceum Union. We have lagged behind. Now we are looking ahead to some of the first things that we have to do. We have those who know much about modern education, but we have a tremendous number in our ranks who do not know what modern education is like. Could we not persuade those who do know to teach those who don't know, and then they will be able to use their knowledge for the good of our Movement.

Our methods need to be drastically revised, and if, through the fact of our discussion, we realise that, then I can say that it has been worth while.

The President's Address was accepted.

MR. RAY moved, MR. GAWTHORNE seconded:

**That Suggestion No. 3 of the President's Address be put into practice by the M.C.**

**Amendment.**

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. BARNETT seconded:  
**That we instruct the M.C. to formulate working schemes from the Four Progressive Points in the Presidential Address, suggesting that Conductors' Classes be introduced by the D.Cs. on instruction from the M.C.**

MR. RAY: My motion is particularly concerning No. 3 paragraph.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Can the M.C. initiate these four items without some money to start?

VICE-PRESIDENT: That remains to be seen.

MR. KEELING: I think this Conference ought to realise that any instructions they give for work to be done must cost money. It cannot be done for nothing, and if it gives instructions knowing that those who are giving the instructions must be responsible for that money, well and good; but it is no use giving instructions and then saying we are to bear the brunt.

VICE-PRESIDENT: These things would have to be considered by the Management Committee.

MR. RAILTON: We could leave it until discussion on the Treasurer's Report.

MR. BURROWS: I just want to point out this. I want you to realise that you must not consider moving any pious resolutions at this meeting. Your vote is definitely in the balance. Why not alter the motion to "consider formulating a working scheme."

MR. RAILTON could not agree to any alteration to his motion.

PRESIDENT: I think I should leave out the word "consider" altogether. I think you ought to give your Management Committee definite instructions, because you pledge yourselves to support them.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT read the motion.

Voting for Amendment overwhelming. Against 3.  
*The amendment carried.*

VICE-PRESIDENT: I have pleasure in asking the President to continue Conference.

**CREDENTIAL REPORT.**

MR. HART read the report:—Officers 3; M.C. 3; Trustees 2; Guild 1; S.N.U. Delegates 2; Elective Auditors 2; D.C.s 24 Delegates, representing 14 D.C.s; Lyceums, 53 Delegates, representing 46 Lyceums. Total eligible to vote 90. There were also present: General Secretary 1; Fraternal Delegates 1; Accepted Visitors 3. Total present 95.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. BURROWS seconded:

**That the Credential Report be accepted.**

*Agreed.*

MR. KEELING moved, MR. SHUTTLEWORTH seconded:

**That all printed Reports be taken as read.**

*Agreed.*

**M.C. REPORT.**

The President read the M.C. Interim Report.

PRESIDENT: In all our sales comparison shows there is a decrease again this year. If you have these figures, it gives you a better insight into the standing of the Union.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. WOOD seconded:  
**That the M.C. Interim Report be accepted.**  
 Conference adjourned until 6-0 p.m.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Is it possible for the Conference to consider appointing all D.Cs. as agents for the sale of Lyceum Union publications under this report?

PRESIDENT: There is a motion to that effect which could be brought forward, although I should not advise it.

The Interim Report and the M.C. Report were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

TREASURER: I would like you all to take very particular notice of these figures. We have been discussing finances previously. I told myself that when I saw the point when I believed this Union was becoming definitely insolvent, then I would make a point of telling Conference that they must do something, and that time has come now.

That is my reason for saying at the beginning that I did not want you to move pious resolutions. If you are not really going to do something now, say so.

I want you to remember that the 1937 figures are to the end of April only. They are the figures I gave to Conference 13 months ago. In 1937 we had a legacy of £50. In 1938 I have made a payment of £117 4s. 10d. to Wadsworth. In 1937 we had made no payment to Wadsworth. The Manual is part of the payment made, and, of course, part of that is in stock so long as the Union carries on.

MR. WOOD moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:  
**That the Treasurer's Interim Report be accepted.**

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: If we look at the balance sheet we find that mainly the loss that the Management Committee are facing every year is covered by the loss on the "Lyceum Banner." If the "Lyceum Banner" can be made a paying proposition then the Management Committee can face the future and say that at least they can feel their expenditure was being met by income.

MR. SHAW (Auditor): I would like Conference to take note of a few figures extracted from the balance sheets for the last five years. The Union has lost in that time on the "Banner" £576 4s. 7d.; on Publishing £777 10s. 3d. In view of that I would like to make this notice of motion—

PRESIDENT: I have a motion before Conference. Motions arising out of this Report can be taken immediately following. The acceptance of the Treasurer's Statement and Interim

Report is before the meeting. Are you prepared to take the Auditors' Report?

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MRS. GEORGE seconded:

**That we take the Auditors' Report and the acceptance of the whole of the Treasurer's Report in one resolution.**

MR. SHAW: We have examined all the vouchers and books, etc., and found things in order. Turning to page 94 of the June "Banner" we are asking delegates to seriously consider the recommendations we have made. Think of the amount of money we have been losing. To-day your President and your Treasurer have emphasised this loss.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:

**That the Treasurer's Interim and Treasurer's Report and the Auditors' Report be accepted.**

MR. KEELING: Is it understood that we do not necessarily adopt the suggestions offered by the Auditors?

MR. SHAW: Do you want questions answered now or later?

MRS. GEORGE moved, MR. ROBSON seconded:

**That the vote be taken.** *Agreed.*

#### QUESTIONS TO AUDITORS.

MR. SHAW: Are Auditors forced to reply to written questions for information on the BANNER?

PRESIDENT: The Auditors are not forced to reply to anything that does not affect their year of work and their work as Elective Auditors. On the other hand they are quite justified in handing on a question to the department concerned.

MR. SHAW: I would ask Liverpool, Daulby, to await a reply from the Trustees. The Trustees are fully aware of the question.

MR. SHAW read a letter that had been received by the Elective Auditors from Sheffield L.D.C.

MR. SHAW: The outstanding accounts in the BANNER are purely made up of BANNERS supplied to Lyceums. In response to the questions *re* the Britten Memorial, there is no figure for that advertisement. Both the Professional Auditor and ourselves have stated that the figure for advertisements is correct. A second letter was received. Here it is.

MR. LE NOURY: On a point of order. This could be met by a reply in person.

MR. SHAW read the reply that Mr. Hart and himself had sent to the Sheffield L.D.C.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH, Trustees' Secretary, read the letter received from Daulby Hall Lyceum and his prepared reply.

MR. MORGAN: I do not know whether Mr. Shuttleworth intends to answer the latter part of the question. What is the intention of the Trustees or Management Committee with

regard to the capital fund from which these funds were taken?

MR. SHAW read the letter received from Daulby Hall Lyceum.

PRESIDENT: It is impossible to answer what the intention of the M.C. and Trustees can be in that haphazard sort of way. The intentions must be to see that these funds are used in the best interests of the Union.

MR. BURROWS: Before either the M.C. or Trustees can do anything you must be asked.

MR. MORGAN: I am answered.

PRESIDENT: The first question is, on what authority? The authority of Conference, proposed by Mr. Keeling, seconded by Miss Owen. Conference gave the necessary authority for these loans.

Is there any resolution out of the Treasurer's Interim Report, the Treasurer's Report or the Auditors' Report?

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: I see the seriousness of our whole position. I really believe that if we can wipe out the 1936 and 1937 account to Wadsworth our Management Committee would have a good chance of conducting the affairs of the Union on a fairly carefree basis. At the moment they have not, and I would like to move with the end in view of liquidating Wadsworth 1936 and 1937 accounts,

**That this Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. instructs the Trustees of the B.S.L.U. to realise the Mortgages with the Sowerby Bridge U.D.C., amounting to £450, as shown in the Trustees' Statement of Accounts for the £2,000 Effort in the Annual Statement of Accounts for 1937, and to transfer the money to the General Fund of the B.S.L. Union.**

MR. ROBSON seconded the motion.

MR. ROBSON: I wish to second that, as I think, seeing we can get at this money, we have funds by us, and it is only right that we should do so and be honourable, and not have to depend on someone having to carry us on his shoulders. We ought to put ourselves on a much firmer basis.

MISS OWEN: As representative of the Lyceum which first brought the motion to Conference that the £2,000 Effort should be raised to put the Lyceum Union on a stabilised basis, I want to say that it is with much regret that I see this come to pass. We have seen it coming. We had set our hearts on an ideal which has been shattered. I think if every Lyceum had pulled their weight, then we would not have come to the pass that we are in at the moment. We would have reached that £2,000.

TREASURER: I would very much like to sympathise with Miss Owen. I have been against using this money, but we have got to the point where we can do no other. I realise, as a business man, that it is not fair to ask Mr. Wadsworth to keep on carrying this burden.

MR. KEELING: One always regrets to see an ideal fail to reach the point that one had in mind. Everybody must regret that, but this is a practical world, where practical issues have to be faced, and much as it goes against the grain, I am going to support the principle of the resolution and ask permission to add words at the end. I would like to add: "For the sole and specific purpose of reducing the debt due to Messrs. Wadsworth & Co."

The Mover and Seconder accepted the addition.

THE PRESIDENT read the amended resolution, which was:

**That this Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. instructs the Trustees of the B.S.L.U. to realise the Mortgages' with the Sowerby U.D.C., amounting to £450, as shown in the Trustees' Statement of Accounts for the £2,000 Effort in the Annual Statement of Accounts for 1937, and to transfer the money to the General Fund of the B.S.L.U., for the sole and specific purpose of reducing the debt due to Messrs. Wadsworth & Co.**

MRS. PICKLES: I have been one who strongly opposed the touching of the money, but I realise the serious position of the Union to-day. It does not seem to me that there is any other measure by which we can reduce our debts.

MR. EDWARDS: Whilst I am pleased with the added words of the motion, yet I regret that such have been added, too, for the simple reason that a section of your Trustees had reason to come to an agreement between Messrs. Oaten & Vigurs, and Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. Shuttleworth and myself in settlement of the contentious matter raised by the Council of the S.N.U., and we agreed, after some considerable time in discussion, that there should be an agreed point of settlement on the condition that a sum amounting to £91, less the costs of £41 for legal and administrative expenses, and that the £50 should be paid over before the end of June.

PRESIDENT: I am trying to think of some method. Is someone prepared to move a further addendum? Referring to the money on the lines of using £50 for the Home Fund. If some other idea could be found it would, of course, mean that we would have the £450 to pay to Wadsworth.

MR. EDWARDS: Do you know of any other possible way of raising that amount.

PRESIDENT: We have not. It is a matter for discussion, which will enable us to clear two questions at the same time. With the question of the £50 I do not see where your Management Committee are going to find it, yet they will be morally, if not legally, bound to find it. If Mr. Keeling is willing and the others are willing that this other addendum is put on that would make the matter quite alright.

MR. KEELING: Before I give my opinion on the

matter may I put to the Trustees representatives a question? When they signed this agreement did they sign it as Trustees relying on this Conference to implement their promise?

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Yes.

MR. KEELING: While I think they had no right to force the hands of this Conference by assuming agreement to something, I do not think it would be right for us to let our Trustees down, and merely because I think we ought to bear with the Trustees I agree to an addendum.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Can I appeal to this Conference as far as £21 and we will find the £50?

MR. LE NOURY: Here is £1 13s. 6d. It should have been Restoration Fund, but I'm sure my Council will agree to it going here.

Promises were made by Blackpool, Runcorn, London L.D.C., Tyneside L.D.C., N.E. Lancashire L.D.C. Lyceums present at Conference who subscribed immediately to the fund were Daulby Hall, Halifax, and Bury.

A spontaneous collection was taken and realised £19 19s. 6d.

PRESIDENT: During the four years that I have been your President I have never had as encouraging a time as the last quarter of an hour. I hope it is an augury for the future.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: May I at the outset thank everyone who has made the job so very, very easy. I did not think of attempting to close the £2,000 Effort Fund. I still meant that fund to carry on.

Mr. Keeling has made the way very easy for us this afternoon, and I want to thank him, because I do know how he has fought for this £2,000 Effort. We will see the fund to its appointed end and I'm sure our Management Committee will see it is replaced some time. The resolution which we have just adopted does not relieve us of our responsibility. We have still to face a deficit of over £100 on the BANNER. Roughly our LYCEUM BANNER is losing somewhere in the neighbourhood of £2 5s. a week. How are we going to make that £112 up?

PRESIDENT: I am asking for resolutions to augment our income. Is there any proposition for practical ways of raising funds for our future income and to augment our income?

MRS. ANDREWS: Have you as an M.C. any suggestions to put before this Conference which would do what you ask?

PRESIDENT: We have not. We could not in the circumstances.

MRS. GRIEVE: What was in the mind of the M.C. in regard to the composite fee? I think so many separate payments are a financial weakness.

PRESIDENT: The M.C. were quite in favour of a composite fee which would cover the cost of

affiliation to the B.S.L.U. and a supply of BANNERS proportionate to the number of Lyceumists on the roll, but I do not think we have ever considered including D.C. fees. If we could be sure that Conference and the movement would back us up, we would favour the composite fee.

MR. KEELING: Might I ask for your interpretation of the authority we hold under clause (a) of Article II, page 4?

PRESIDENT: We have no authority to alter this article.

MR. KEELING: What could we do? Perhaps a resolution for discussion "That we make a levy on every Lyceum, any number to 25, 5s. per annum; 26-50, 10s.; 51-75, 15s.; 76-100, £1."

PRESIDENT: I should say "Yes."

MR. KEELING: If we could frame a resolution and let that resolution cover an appropriate number of BANNERS?

MR. MACK: Could you not do it under Bye-Law 5, without altering the article?

PRESIDENT: We want the best resolution which would not contravene Article II. The only point is whether we are entitled to alter Bye-Law 5 without a motion on the agenda. I think we can. It is a case of a financial emergency that can be brought forward.

MR. RAILTON: Regarding the composite fee. Can you give us any lead?

PRESIDENT: It would run about £2 12s. The questionnaire did not give us sufficient information to warrant us going right into the figures. I should suggest a supply of BANNERS sent to each Lyceum at the rate of two BANNERS for three members. The fee could be paid quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly, in advance. I would keep the BANNERS at the present rate. That would reckon out at £2 12s. per year, in addition to the 10s. affiliation fee. The whole cost to a Lyceum with 50 members would be £3. But the major portion of that £3 would be recoverable. That is roughly the idea.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Is it not possible to subsidise the BANNER and make a fixed charge to each Lyceum as a condition of membership? Say the loss on the BANNER for this year is £120. There are 174 Lyceums in membership. That would probably run out at 15s. per Lyceum. Is it possible that we could legislate for a subsidy to be made each year?

PRESIDENT: I do not think that we could. If we must levy we have not the means of enforcing that levy. That is the problem.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: I am a member of a Trade Union and each month I receive our official journal, which is my link with the National Movement. If it can be done in the case of a Trade Union there is no reason why it should not be done through the Lyceum Union.

PRESIDENT: Your Trade Union rules would provide that and you would join your Trade Union with that clause in operation. Your Lyceums have joined this Union with certain rules and after they have joined we cannot impose other conditions unless it is done at the proper time through an amendment to Constitution.

MR. KEELING moved:

**That this Conference requests all Lyceums to agree to a Voluntary Levy on the following basis:**

Lyceums up to 25 members	5s. per ann.
„ 26—50	„ 10s. „
„ 51—75	„ 15s. „
„ 76—100	„ £1 „

and urges District Councils to concentrate their efforts in securing this end. Such sums to be paid in yearly, half-yearly or quarterly instalments in advance.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH seconded the motion, which was carried, with 4 against.

MRS. GRIEVE moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:

**That the Management Committee be empowered to work out a scheme for composite payment to cover Union Fees and an adequate supply of "Banners" and that figures show the payments due, quarterly, half-yearly and yearly. That such a scheme be circularised to Lyceums as soon as possible and the necessary resolution be placed on the 1939 Conference Agenda.**

MR. EDWARDS: Can I ask if it is the intention of the Management Committee after this Conference to send a circular letter to all Lyceums affiliated to the Union relative to the voluntary levy? You cannot depend on the BANNER.

PRESIDENT: We shall certainly send a copy of the resolution and by that resolution we are entitled to ask for an immediate payment.

The motion *re* Composite Fee carried with 1 against.

MR. SHAW moved, MR. HART seconded:

**That the Trustees arrange with Messrs. Wadsworth & Co. to handle all our stock and as office work would then be lessened that an Honorary Secretary and "Banner" Editor be arranged and be co-opted to the M.C.**

MR. HART: You are not sure that all the schemes will come into operation, because you are relying upon Lyceumists upon whom you have relied before. The thing does not actually happen as you predict.

MR. KEELING: I rise to support the motion. It seems to me that a comparative examination of our position to-day with that of past years

will reveal to us that the shrinkage in the size of the Union which is now definitely and obviously taking place is such as being able to make us able to say we are now back again in an almost precisely similar position to when we could only manage to run to an Honorary Secretary, paid an honorarium, but an Honorary Secretary. I am perfectly satisfied that there will not be the slightest difficulty in finding an Honorary Editor and Secretary.

MRS. MACK: I can quite see both Mr. Shaw's and Mr. Keeling's argument in favour of this resolution, but there is one thing that we ought to consider, without any unfair construction being justified. We have not got an Alfred Kitson in the Movement at present. If we are willing to pay for what we get there is no need to go back in this manner.

MR. LE NOURY: If Wadsworth can and will handle our stock, will the Secretaryship still remain a full-time position?

PRESIDENT: As far as that is concerned I can only give a personal opinion. Even if Wadsworth was to handle our stock, there would still be a full-time Secretary's position in this Union.

MRS. SLIMIN: Is it not true that there are more Lyceums, and so more work, than when Mr. Kitson was Secretary?

MRS. GEORGE: Have we ever considered how much control we have over a Voluntary Secretary and a Voluntary Editor?

MR. KEELING: I object. We never questioned Mr. Kitson's honesty.

MRS. GEORGE: I was thinking of the policy and work, and not the honesty.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: I am honestly glad that this discussion has taken the turn it has done. Mr. Keeling has suggested that we have got to be prepared to pay for what we demand. This resolution will save, on paper, £203. That is roughly £4 per week. Will you be prepared to come to next Conference and face a possible increase in the capitation fee? There is £100 to be found. How are we going to find it? We have got a good servant. Definitely it means sacking your Secretary. Rather than that, let us put our hands in our pockets and be prepared to pay.

MR. BURROWS: Those who have worked with me on the M.C. have always known me for watching expense. In my opinion you will be doing the worst thing in the world if you accept this resolution. You always come across Secretaries who want to be officials; he wants the decorations, but he does not want the work.

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. KEELING seconded:  
**That the vote be taken.** *Agreed.*

MR. SHAW: I am very glad at the remarks that have come forward. It emphasises more than ever the point we have tried to stress. I wanted to point out that we cannot afford something, and wanted them to realise that they would have to work to carry on.

PRESIDENT: In your reply you must deal with the discussion on the motion.

MR. SHAW: This did not come on the spur of the moment. I have been trying to find ways and means.

PRESIDENT: You must only reply to the discussion.

MR. SHAW: I withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: You can't do that. It is decided that we vote upon it.

Voting. For 4. Against overwhelming.

*The motion was lost.*

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MRS. ROBSON seconded:

**That the Auditors' and Treasurer's Reports be adopted, with the reference back of Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4, of the Auditors' Report.**

*Carried with 5 against.*

MR. EDWARDS: What happens to Clauses a, b and c?

PRESIDENT: They are part of No. 1, and that is referred back.

#### TRUSTEES' INTERIM REPORT.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH read the Trustees' Interim Report.

MR. WOOD moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:

**That the Trustees and Trustees' Interim Report be accepted.**

PRESIDENT: This Interim Report, if accepted and adopted, means that you are consenting to the breaking of the Trust Deed. Not necessarily consenting to the formation of a new one in its place.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: We certainly honestly advise you to scrap the present Trust Deed. If you want a new one say so and we will do what we can. Let us keep the relationships to the highest possible degree.

MR. KEELING: In Clause 9 of the Trust Deed, in the Bye-Laws of the Union it requires a special resolution to terminate this Deed. A recommendation in the Trustees' Report is not a special resolution. It would have to be a special resolution on the Agenda.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: It has been pointed out to us that a simple resolution of this Conference could determine the end of that Deed. Had the Deed been fully regularised then we should certainly have had to have a special resolution. We have got our Deed in two sections, one part that we can amend anything which is wrong, and a section which we can only amend by the latter.

MR. KEELING: The S.N.U. solicitor tells me that the Trust Deed is quite binding on both sides.

PRESIDENT: There is only one thing to do. We keep getting this information from one side, then the other, so I suggest you make your resolution so that we shall be on the right legal tack and give your Trustees the right to explore every legal channel for the termination of it and we will see to it that we do not get someone's version of what the solicitor

says. We will get the solicitor's written statement as to the legality of the Deed or otherwise. This has been cropping up for years and years.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Mr. Vigurs will agree with that statement. Mr. Vigurs stated that we could show it anywhere and that Deed for both Unions is a crying disgrace, reflecting very seriously on both Unions.

Mr. Shuttleworth here read from the report of the meeting between the Trustees and S.N.U. Representatives, held on Oct. 22nd, 1937. I think you will gather from that that the Deed is in every sense irregular.

PRESIDENT: We can only gather from that that Mr. Vigurs thinks so, and we can only gather that Mr. Keeling thinks this and that Mr. Halliwell thinks the opposite. We have got to have a legal opinion on it and we can then have done with "so and so says this, etc., etc."

MR. KEELING: I want this Conference to understand that at the present juncture there is really no vital difference either between the S.N.U. or the B.S.L.U. The relationships are quite friendly and amiable. If it is the desire of this Conference that this legal instrument should be terminated and something else take its place, move a resolution for the necessary steps to be taken to terminate this agreement and then you will find out what those necessary steps are and put them into operation.

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. MACK seconded:

**That the Trustees be empowered to take the necessary action for the termination of the Trust Deed.**

PRESIDENT: You are considering a recommendation in a report. If you adopt that recommendation then you come on to this resolution; if you adopt the Trustees' Report as it stands it brings that recommendation in, then, after you have adopted the report, you take Mr. Railton's resolution.

MR. KEELING: The National Union have not agreed to the sum of £50. If Mr. Shuttleworth is under that impression it is a wrong impression. What they have done is to agree to the sum of £50 and the satisfactory justification of the £41.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: We have got to justify the £41 that we have claimed and a list of expenses has been sent to Mr. Vigurs.

PRESIDENT: I am bringing forward part of my S.N.U. E.C. Report. Messrs. Oaten and Vigurs reported to the S.N.U. Council in exactly the terms of that document. In fact, they produced a copy. The S.N.U. accepted their report subject to Messrs. Oaten and Vigurs being satisfied that £41 was a legitimate charge.

MR. EDWARDS: Do I take it that if they are satisfied the S.N.U. Council have nothing to do with it? What is the position of Mr. Keeling when he says that the Council have not accepted it?

MR. KEELING: Messrs. Vigurs and Oaten will have to report to the Council that they have been satisfied.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: That is the reason why I have sent to Mr. Vigurs that list that I read out to you.

PRESIDENT: The S.N.U. Council will accept Messrs. Oaten and Vigurs' report, subject to them being satisfied the £41 is a proper charge.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: When our Conference accepts the agreement, then we can agree upon the second part.

PRESIDENT: Are you prepared to vote on the acceptance of the Trustees' Report?

MRS. SLIMIN moved, MR. ARCHBOLD seconded:

**That the Trustees' Report be adopted.**

*Carried.*

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. MACK seconded:

**That the Trustees be empowered to take the necessary action for the termination of the present Joint Trust Deed between the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U.**

*Carried unanimously.*

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Before we act under instructions this Conference must say what it requires. That is, do they require that the Trust Deed wants the link with the S.N.U. to be satisfied, or do they require your Trust Deed on its own, outside the National Union. Then, when it has stated its opinion, we can advise, but not before.

PRESIDENT: I do not want to run away with Conference, but I want to lead where I think you might go. Would anyone be prepared to move that you instruct the Trustees what they have got to do?

MR. HART moved, MRS. MACK seconded:

**That we instruct the Management Committee in consultation with the Trustees to consider the advisability of drawing up a new Trust Deed and Report to the next Conference.**

*Carried unanimously.*

#### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

Mr. Hart read the Credential Report:—Officers 3; M.C. 4; Trustees 2; Guild 1; S.N.U. Delegates 2; Elective Auditors 2; D.Cs. 24, representing 14 D.Cs.; Lyceums 54, representing 47 Lyceums. Total eligible to vote 92. There were also present: General Secretary 1; Fraternal Delegate 1; Accepted Visitors 2. Total present 96.

MR. WOOD moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:

**That the Credential Report be accepted.**

*Carried*

PRESIDENT: I have a letter from Mr. Joe Taylor stating that he will not be able to come along until a later hour. He has taken up a position which means he will not be able to devote the time to M.C. work that he feels that he should do, and regretfully Mr. Taylor has asked to withdraw his nomination as Vice-President and M.C. Member for this

Conference and is also reluctantly compelled to relinquish his duties as Restoration Fund Secretary.

I do not think that I should wait until to-morrow to spring upon you that Mr. Taylor is having to withdraw his nomination.

I have always found Mr. Taylor a willing and enthusiastic worker and we will miss his good services on the M.C. On behalf of the M.C. I express our regrets and I think Conference will agree with me.

We also have a letter from Mr. Bruce to inform us that he will not be present at Conference to-morrow and he also asks to withdraw his nomination from the position of M.C. Member.

Conference adjourned at 9-0 p.m.

### SUNDAY MORNING, June 5th, 1938.

Conference opened at 10-0 a.m. with the singing of "Sweet Golden Age." The children from local Lyceums gave a pretty floral welcome, pencils being given to all delegates, and button-holes of roses to M.C. Members, Officers and Trustees.

**PRESIDENT:** In returning thanks I am going to speak just to the children who have given the welcome. I do want to thank you children who have given us this wonderful welcome this morning. I would like, if I can, to make you realise just how important what you have done is to us people in the Lyceum Movement. It gives us wonderful hope for the future of our Movement, that youth is still alive.

It is because you have demonstrated that to us that I am giving thanks to you. It has been a great encouragement to us. Before I call on the Vice-President to give her word of thanks too, I would just like to express one thought brought home to me by these children coming forward in their welcome. That is the fact that there are so many young delegates in our Conference. I am more than pleased.

I thank you, children, heartily on behalf of my colleagues on the M.C., and on behalf of the whole Conference, for the message you brought to us this morning.

**MRS. GEORGE:** I want to couple my thanks with those of the President and I want to supplement his thanks in this way. We know that there have been adults responsible for the composition of the welcome. Anybody who has tried to compose even a few lines of poetry knows how difficult it is to get those words which can exactly show the meaning and I want us to express our thanks to those who have composed this welcome.

We want to thank the children also because they have been message bearers. They may not perhaps appreciate the sentiment of that message bearing now, but I want them to think of this day as a red letter day. Hold the memory of it in your lives, and as you think about it I want you to remember that you are the message bearers of the spirit people. Shall we then just send a thought out to those pioneers and link them up with

our welcome this morning, and shall we ask the children to remember them.

**MR. EDWARDS** also replied on behalf of the Trustees.

**PRESIDENT:** We are now to send our thoughts and congratulations to the arisen workers.

The President read the list.

**MRS. PICKLES** spoke impressively of the work and presence of our arisen workers, especially referring to the presence in spirit of Mr. J. J. Morse, and others. She also paid tribute to the long and useful association with our Movement of one still in the body, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood.

### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

**MR. HART** read the credential report.

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**MR. SHUTTLEWORTH** moved, **MR. BURROWS** seconded.

**That the Credential Report be accepted.**

*Agreed.*

The various elections which were conducted during the session resulted as follows—

#### President:

Mr. J. Slimin	57 votes. Elected.
Mrs. L. George	21 ,,
Mr. G. A. Mack	12 ,,

#### Vice-President:

Mrs. L. George	52 votes. Elected.
Mr. G. A. Mack	37 ,,

#### Treasurer:

Mr. W. Burrows, elected unopposed.

#### Auditor:

Mr. J. Le Noury	26 votes.
Mr. A. Shaw	63 votes. Elected.

#### S.N.U. E.C. Representative:

Mr. J. Slimin, elected unopposed.

#### S.N.U. A.G.M. Delegates:

Mr. Burrows	47 elected
Mr. Shuttleworth	33
Mrs. George	44 39
Mr. Fruin	44 48 elected.

#### M.C. Members:

Mr. A. E. Fruin
Mr. J. N. Railton.

**MRS. PETZ:** I want to move that the Inter-relations Report take precedence over other reports.

**MR. FRUIN:** The London delegates are having to leave about 3 p.m. and it is essential that this question should take place early in the Agenda.

**PRESIDENT:** I think we will find time to bring all reports in their own time. I will see that the Inter-relations Report comes up in good time for those having to leave early to have the opportunity of taking their full part in it.

### RESTORATION FUND AND £2,000 EFFORT REPORT.

MR. TAYLOR: I have made a Restoration Fund Report. I do not propose to give you anything except bare details. I would prefer that whatever new matters may be dealt with be given to whoever may be my successor.

MR. RAILTON moved Mrs. SHAW (Collyhurst) seconded.

**That the Restoration Fund Report be accepted.**

PRESIDENT: As soon as this is accepted I am going to ask Conference to confirm a suggestion that the M.C. have to offer with regard to the future of the Restoration Fund Secretaryship.

The acceptance of the Restoration Fund was carried.

PRESIDENT: I would like if I can get now a vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor for his services. I think it ought to come from Conference, and also you can couple with it the suggestion that we ask Mrs. Fruin of London to take the Secretaryship of the Restoration Fund over.

MR. HART moved, Mrs. GEORGE seconded.

**That the best thanks of this Conference be given to Mr. Taylor for his valuable services and that Mrs. Fruin be asked to take on the duties of Restoration Fund Secretary.**

Mrs. GEORGE: I know the work that can be put into it. I would give the heartiest of thanks to Mr. Taylor for what he has done and what he is going to do in the future. We are not losing Mr. Taylor. If the spirit people intend that he should work I believe that there will be an opening found.

MR. KEELING: The Restoration Fund Committee was a Conference Committee. As a Committee it has not finished. It was a Committee which appointed its own Secretary. That right was taken over by the Management Committee without consulting the Committee. I think the right and proper course is to discharge the Committee, thank Mr. Taylor, and appoint Mrs. Fruin as Secretary of the Fund.

PRESIDENT: Conference has the right to appoint anyone else on that Committee either as Secretary or in any other capacity. I am satisfied that I am taking the correct procedure. The proposition is that Mr. Taylor be thanked for his services and that Mrs. Fruin be appointed as Secretary to the Restoration Fund.

MR. WILSON moved.

**That the vote be taken.**

Vote: For overwhelming.

Against 5.

### BANNER REPORT.

PRESIDENT: The BANNER Interim Report was given in the Management Committee Report. Our Secretary and Mr. Burrows have paid a visit to Mr. Wadsworth within the last few days and got some very interesting information that might be helpful to Conference, and

as the BANNER Interim Report I am going to ask Mr. Burrows to give you this information.

MR. BURROWS: We went to see Mr. Wadsworth on Thursday, and he gave us some useful information. We have found ways and means of reducing the loss if you will agree to certain things.

1. Do you want a BANNER with a cover as it is now?

2. Do you want a reduction in size.

Mr. Burrows here read the letter accompanying the estimates.

MISS OWEN: I rather favour the BANNER without a cover. I think if you have just a plain front with a good leading article it is an attraction.

MR. LE NOURY: If the BANNER is adopted without coloured cover will it be cheaper than the present method?

PRESIDENT: Yes; we are trying to make arrangements so that the cover will be cheaper as well.

MRS. PICKLES: I think with Miss Owen, I should favour the idea of having front page articles of outstanding merit.

MR. FRUIN: I think I share with my colleagues quite a lot of interest in the BANNER. Personally I would certainly prefer the cover for the dignity of the BANNER, while I quite agree that a leading article does attract.

If you would only do your part and build up the advert. column the time would come when you would be able to command outside advertisements.

MR. KEELING: Unfortunately, Mr. Burrows did not make a precise statement. That, I do not think, was quite fair to the Conference. If he says we can save £10 per year, save another £10 by reducing the size, I suggest that he gives us just roughly round figures, then Conference would have had something upon which to form its judgment.

MR. BURROWS: I have asked the President's permission to give these figures. The cover won't make £10 per year difference, to the cost of the BANNER, but if we reduce the size it will almost cover our losses. It will go a long way towards covering our losses.

If you realise that previously we were turning over £1,000 over, and to-day we think we are doing well if we turn over £250. It is not quite fair to blame it all on the BANNER. I do not like the idea of doing away with the BANNER. You lose touch if you don't publish your BANNER. That is the position. If we scrap the cover you cannot advertise your publications. On these figures we can go a good way towards saving the present loss on the BANNER.

MR. LE NOURY moved:

**That the size of the Banner be altered to Crown Quarto.**

MR. LE NOURY: We want the BANNER and if the loss can be met by having a reduction in the size of the pages, not the number of pages, it will meet our case.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Our Treasurer told us that there are five styles. Can we ask the Treasurer can he give us some figures taking the present issue at 1,000. How will the other styles compare with it, with that as the basis figure?

PRESIDENT: If the Conference wishes the information that Mr. Shuttleworth asks for then adjourn this debate until after lunch interval so that the Secretary and Treasurer will be able to work out these figures and give you them in greater detail.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. HART seconded: **That we adjourn the debate on the Banner Report until after the Lunch interval so that the figures can be worked out.**

*Carried.*

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. MACK seconded: **That the Inter-relations Report be brought forward on the Agenda.** *Agreed.*

### INTER-RELATIONS REPORT.

VICE-PRESIDENT: I call upon the President to give you the Inter-relations Report.

PRESIDENT: I am giving you a prepared Interim Report which has been examined by the Inter-relations Committee, B.S.L.U. section, and has also the approval and sanction of your Management Committee.

MR. SLIMIN moved, MR. BURROWS seconded: **That the Inter-relations Report and the Interim Report be accepted.**

MR. RAY: I should like to ask the President's interpretation of the second part of the S.N.U. draft scheme. "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.

VICE-PRESIDENT: That has not yet been discussed in detail by either side.

MR. MACK: Have they decided any details regarding the Lyceum Union being a department of the S.N.U.?

VICE-PRESIDENT: Following a suggestion from the S.N.U. side it was decided to put the whole thing before both Conferences.

MR. MACK: Clause 3. Can I ask whether this point has been discussed as to what is purely Lyceum affairs?

MR. SLIMIN: These questions have not been discussed in detail. We have worked on the principle of whether fusion or amalgamation, or whatever you like to call it, could be accepted. We cannot possibly give these answers here.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The scheme for harmonious relations presented by the B.S.L.U. section was not discussed. The details of neither schemes have yet been discussed because we have not decided the principle.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Whilst I believe in amalgamation in the widest sense possible I find myself in the unhappy position that I cannot accept what is put forward. I could have accepted the B.S.L.U. section had it had in another paragraph that we could have given

the S.N.U. power to elect one member to our Management Committee and given our Conference power to elect one definite Lyceumist representative to the S.N.U. I want the link to be re-established. I move:

**That the B.S.L.U. Section's Scheme be accepted with the addition of the power being granted to the S.N.U. to elect one representative to the M.C. and the B.S.L.U. the power to elect one representative to the S.N.U.E.C.**

VICE-PRESIDENT: You are not in order to move that in the report.

MR. FRUIN: I think, perhaps, I have been one of the greatest fusionists as long as I have been in the Movement. It so happened that with my colleagues I was your extra representative at our meeting when we met the S.N.U. and my hopes of union were absolutely threatened by the method in which we were met. I was hoping that this Conference would see the end of this question. I am doubtful now. The fact remains that we had definitely placed before us that we were to be absolutely absorbed and I want to point out one of the facts that this important motion would cause to take place. We would immediately come under the rules and regulations of a body of people who perhaps have very little interest in the Lyceum Movement. It is absolutely essential that we, as a Movement, hold our own dignity; that we have a method of conducting our own work and that is what I sincerely support in what Mr. Slimin has already quoted.

MR. BURROWS: I would like to correct Mr. Shuttleworth that there is no mention of representation.

MRS. GEORGE: We have got to decide whether we shall, as an Inter-relations Committee, continue our negotiations upon the basic principle of the S.N.U. accepting the B.S.L.U. as a department. It does not necessarily mean absorption. The Inter-relations Committee want your instructions upon that principle.

MRS. SLIMIN: As a department we would be entitled to a President, Officers and Secretary of our own. That is the thing that matters. If we are not to be entitled to our own Officers and our Secretary I should say 'No,' we cannot be a department.' We find it absolutely essential that we should have our own Secretary.

VICE-PRESIDENT: It does not necessarily bind you. It depends upon the report of what they mean by a department. And whether we are prepared to accept that. Then we still have to come back to Conference.

MISS OWEN: If these two schemes have not been discussed by the Inter-relations Committee it seems to me that some adjustments can be made.

MR. EDWARDS: We don't seem to be getting any further with this business at all. I move **That the matter be deferred until the two schemes have been discussed more fully.**

VICE-PRESIDENT: These schemes which were presented were not discussed because the S.N.U. would not discuss our scheme at all unless we accepted the motion.

It is of no use deferring to the Inter-relations Committee. You must accept that principle before we can get any further in reference to discussion on this report.

MR. MACK: Don't you think that it is anomalous that we should be asked to decide on amalgamation before we discuss the terms?

MR. KEELING: It must be very difficult for delegates who have not been in the most intimate touch with all these negotiations to appreciate how extremely intricate, and, if I may say so, delicate, the relations happen to be. The National Union Council were committed to a certain policy by a resolution at Heaton and Byker which definitely placed the policy of one Union as being the policy of the National Union. That Conference resolution bound the National Council and consequently to that principle they have been obliged to remain perfectly firm, and because of that these additional words were essential. Immediately, when the Inter-relations Committee met this February, the B.S.L.U. section were confronted with that statement. It was nearly a position of deadlock again. Mrs. Pickles has said that she is a Lyceumist first and I say it too, in spite of everything that may appear to the contrary. I obtained all my training in this work in the Lyceum and I have been a member of a Lyceum since my early teens. I want to give you this personal assurance for whatever amount of honour I have left in your minds, I give you my word of honour, never will I do anything which is going to let down the Lyceum Cause. Mr. Slimin has challenged my statement. I think equally the Lyceum Union can maintain its status within the National Union. That is my justification. If Mr. Slimin cannot see that point of view it is only a matter of how we are looking at it. I don't want the Lyceum Union to go out of existence any more than I want my Lyceum to go out of existence. I can see how it can be worked within the National Union to the advantage of the whole Movement.

What are we to do as a B.S.L.U. Is it to the advantage of the Cause that you represent that you should work harmoniously within first your Church, and secondly, the Union which represents your Church, and of which your Church is a member. That is the first point to decide in your minds.

The policy to be followed is one which leads to that position nationally. If we will make that our policy I know enough of my colleagues on the S.N.U. to feel that the ultimate result can be satisfactorily assured. I think we should approve the report and that this Committee get down to work out details. Surely there are those in the Movement with heads level enough to do this work and while

they are doing that let us put our trust in them that they are doing their best.

MRS. SLIMIN: Mr. Keeling says that in his own Lyceum and other Lyceums the Church and Lyceum are working together, are working harmoniously together, and where the Lyceum has status does the Lyceum appoint their own Conductors, Officers, and Secretary, and disburse their own funds, or does the Church do that for them?

MR. KEELING: I can only speak for my own. We collect and disburse our own funds and elect our Officers except those that have been agreed by the Union shall be agreed upon by the Church.

MR. SLIMIN: I have listened with great interest to all that has been said upon this topic and I was afraid at first that we were going to get away from the point at issue altogether. The thing we have got to decide to-day is whether our interest in our Lyceum Movement and our Church Movement is so great that we want to continue negotiations and get harmonious relationship between the two bodies. If you say you have gone as far as ever you can then we end negotiations. If you say to your Joint Inter-relations Committee "You have done as much as you can so far, go and work as far as you can for better settlement," then I am with Mr. Keeling. I think that the ultimate end will be a good one.

I believe that we are being met with distinct opposition to Lyceumism in a certain section of the S.N.U., and while that opposition is there, and it is undoubtedly strong, we dare not allow the conduct of our Union's affairs out of our own hands and we have been fighting for that all along.

I agree with Mr Keeling's argument. A Lyceum within a Church has a status. It elects its own Officers, conducts its own affairs, and a Lyceum Union within the Church Union should have a status within the Union, conducting its own affairs under the jurisdiction and control of the other Union. I rather think that if we could work for the B.S.L.U. becoming, not exactly an independently working body, but working its own way with the approval of the parent body, I think Mr. Keeling and I could come to an agreement ultimately.

Let us go back to these negotiations. We have pointed out to you the only line on which, at the present moment, the S.N.U. will allow the door of negotiations to be kept open. Are you going to tell us 'Keep that door open, going in and getting the best we can for you.'

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. WOOD seconded: **That we adopt the report of the Joint Inter-relations Committee and that this Conference of the B.S.L.U. instructs its members of the Joint Inter-relations Committee to continue the negotiations with a view to reaching an end satisfactory to this Conference.**

MR. MACK, MR. WOOD, MRS. MACK and MR. SHUTTLEWORTH spoke on the motion.

The motion was *carried unanimously*.

### S.N.U. E.C. REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS.

MRS. ROBSON moved, MISS DRYSDALE seconded:  
**That Mr. J. Slimin be the B.S.L.U. Representative on the S.N.U. E.C.**

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. BURROWS seconded:

**That nominations close.** *Agreed.*

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

MR. LEATHER nominated:

Mr. Burrows.

MR. RAILTON nominated:

Mr. Shuttleworth

MR. MORGAN nominated:

Mrs. George.

MISS HAZELWOOD nominated:

Mr. Fruin.

MR. SHAW moved, MR. HART seconded:

**That Nominations close.** *Agreed.*

### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

MR. HART read the Credential Report.

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Also present: General Secretary 1; Accepted Visitor 1. Total in Conference, 92.

### BANNER REPORT (*contd.*).

PRESIDENT: We are trying to arrive at how much we can save. It works out that we can have the present sized BANNER without cover for 2s. per 100 less. We shall save about £5 per issue, dropping the cover and not using the smaller type.

If we have a smaller size with the cover we shall save £6 per issue, on our present circulation.

The smaller size without cover is £7 10s. saved.

MR. BURROWS: That is the one, 16 pp. and cover. Exactly as you have now except it is smaller. On that you save £6 per issue.

MR. LE NOURY moved, MR. WILSON seconded:  
**That the size of the 'Lyceum Banner' be altered to the Crown Quarto size, with 16 pages, retaining the coloured cover, and having the front page so as to include the leading article.**

*Carried with one dissentient.*

MR. LE NOURY: We of the Sheffield L.D.C. beg to move

**That the Report of the Union's Conference appear in the 'Lyceum Banner' in future only as a general report and not as a verbatim report as at present.**

MISS BAMBER seconded.

PRESIDENT: Conference only needs Minutes, not a report. Do you want to appear in your BANNER what I call a full report of the

proceedings of this meeting? If you do I do not see how we can cut it very much more.

MR. WILSON: This might be my last Conference, but I shall be able to look in the BANNER if I cannot go to Conference and see the Proceedings. It is the only way we can get it by putting it in the BANNER.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: Speaking against the resolution, we have discussed vital problems affecting the welfare of the Lyceum Union this week-end. Yesterday we created a wave of enthusiasm in this Conference. If that wave is to be carried right through then the main portion has got to be inserted. And the only way that you can maintain them is by a fairly full report.

Vote For the motion 4.

Against, overwhelming.

MR. LE NOURY: Some of us who contact the General Secretary feel that she has all that she can manage. We have been wondering if it would be possible to get some sort of voluntary help for matters which are not of a confidential nature. Perhaps someone can advise us the best way to go about giving a help.

PRESIDENT: I appreciate the attitude adopted by the Sheffield friends. I can assure our Sheffield people that if such help as they have volunteered can be made use of we certainly would make use of it.

MR. LE NOURY: As a means of easing the work of the General Secretary we beg to move

**That it be a general rule of the Union that a stamped addressed envelope be enclosed for reply in correspondence to the General Secretary.**

PRESIDENT: Can I suggest you alter the wording. Make it read 'in all correspondence to which we are expected to reply.'

MR. BARNETT seconded the motion. *Agreed.*

MR. ROBSON moved, MR. TAYLOR seconded:

**That the Banner report be adopted.** *Agreed.*

### EDUCATION REPORT.

MRS. GEORGE gave the Interim Report.

MR. WOOD moved, MISS OWEN seconded.

**That we accept the Education and Education Interim Reports.**

MRS. MACK: At present you cannot take the second grade until you have taken the first grade. In the new system will that hold good? Can you take the first grade when you are 16? Can you go on with the other grades without taking Grade 1?

PRESIDENT: You can go into the new scheme according to your age.

MR. MEDLEY: The scheme has been put forward with a good motive. I can see no goodness in it at all. It is going to be possible for someone who has not gone in for the Grades at all having the privilege of sitting for the A.N.S.C. straight away.

PRESIDENT: No.

MR. MEDLEY: The Oral Grade Primer has a lesson for the young ones. I don't think we are doing right omitting the lessons from that.

PRESIDENT: Before they can answer this specimen question paper they will have to have studied the Primer and the Oral Grade Reader.

MRS. GEORGE: There will also be questions from the Handbook as well as these intelligence tests.

Mrs. George replied to questions and points raised in the discussion.

The Education and Interim Education Reports were accepted.

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. MURSE seconded.

**That all the Education Committee's Recommendations be adopted.** *Agreed.*

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH: I understand that the term of the agreement of our General Secretary expires. Have you a report to tender?

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, MR. HART seconded: **That the appointment of the General Secretary be next business.** *Agreed.*

MR. BURROWS: On behalf of the Management Committee I wish to move the following resolution with regard to the present General Secretary.

**That this Conference instructs the M.C. to arrange terms with Mrs. Annie Holme Mills for her re-appointment as General Secretary of the B.S.L.U. for a further twelve months, such engagement to include a suitable clause for a further continuation of this service to be terminable by six calendar months' notice in writing by either party at any time.**

MR. MACK seconded the resolution reserving the right to speak.

**Amendment—**

MR. SHUTTLEWORTH moved, Mr. North seconded:

**That this Conference instructs the Management Committee to draw up an agreement with the Present General Secretary to continue her services as long as her services may be required terminating with six months notice on either side.**

MR. BURROWS: We were under the impression that we were engaging her for 12 months in this. We appointed Mr. Knott for five years and we appointed Mrs. Mills for 3 years.

PRESIDENT: That does not cover the possibility of notice within the first 12 months. It is not the same kind of agreement.

The motion now is, with words taken out, and so cutting out the amendment.

**That this Conference instructs the M.C. to arrange terms with Mrs. Annie Holme Mills for her re-appointment as General Secretary of the B.S.L.U. for a further period such engagement to be terminable by six calendar months' notice in writing by either party at any time.** *Carried.*

## GUILD REPORT.

MISS HALLIDAY: Beginning towards the year end you were told there were going to be new

rules and not renewal fees to pay. New forms were issued at the beginning of the year. There are now two kinds of members. You can be an associate member and you pay 1s. per year whatever your age. In addition you may be a member of your own Lyceum Guild Branch and if you have a Guild Branch it depends on the number who attend how much you pay. Fees are 12 members 1s. 9d.; 24 members 2s. 6d. etc.

Cash received this year is—Balance £11 2s. Associates Fees £1 15s. Branch fees 9s. 3d. Bank Interest 7s. Total £13 13s. 3d.

Expended on new application forms, etc. £4 0s. 6d. Postage 16s. 3d. Total £4 16s. 9d. That leaves a balance of £8 6s. 6d. Besides this I have drawn £1 5s. this week-end.

The Guild Leader regularly receives letters from Mrs. Rushton of Canada. She does very good work in the Lyceum out there. I also hear now from Mrs. Galpin of South Africa. She has been very useful in the Guild.

MR. MORGAN: This is the third time I have moved the acceptance of the Guild Report and on the two previous occasions I have felt it was a pleasure to do so. To-day it is more of a pleasure than ever.

MR. ROBSON: I have great pleasure in seconding the acceptance of that report. I think the Guild Leader is a very important link in Lyceum work.

The acceptance of the Guild Report was carried unanimously.

## COLLEGE REPORT.

MISS HALLIDAY: In giving the College Report, since the inception of the College there have been 165 A.N.S.C. degrees granted; 26 G.N.S.Cs.; 5 D.N.S.Cs.; 12 Honorary Degrees. Those of you who have seen the Results Book will know the following—

### Entrance Examination.

Miss E. Harvey, Bournemouth	163 Hons.
Arthur J. Comins, Exeter	160 Hons.
Robert Sadler, Southsea	150 First.

### Intermediate Grade.

Miss E. J. Ratcliffe, Burnley	196 Pass
Harry Collett, Calgary	197 Pass
Mr. J. L. T. Hook, Stockport	248 Hons.
Mrs. E. Coote, Welling, Kent	214 Pass.

### Subsidiary Grade.

Mrs. S. A. Eshelby, Calgary	228 Hons.
Miss I. Wenborn, New Barnett	216 Pass.
George Brown, Stockport	272 Dist.

### Final Grade.

Mrs. A. E. Rushton, Calgary	232 Hons.
Mrs. Fortey, London	250 Hons.
Mrs. Skinner, London	258 Hons.
Mr. G. W. Coote, Welling.	230 Hons.

Application forms have been sent to the A.N.S.C. people but I have not received any. If they would send them quickly then the degrees can be granted.

On page 95 of the June BANNER you will see the Interim Report from the College Governing Board.

Anybody who has obtained a degree in 1938 will have a certificate granted to them.

MRS. ANDREWS moved, MR. HART seconded:

**That the College Report and the Interim Report be accepted.**

MR. LE NOURY: What is the position of one who has gone through the scheme? Will their degree still stand or will it be held in abeyance? Will it be necessary that anyone put out of date should take the entrance examination again.

MR. KEELING: As Chairman of the College may I reply? If it is agreed that the title 'National Spiritualist College' be changed to 'Spiritualist Education Scheme' it means that all the degrees will go out of existence. There will be no College degrees because there will be no College.

The actual details have not yet been worked out but I can assure Mr. Le Noury, and I can assure you all, anybody who has passed through the entrance examination and started through the course, re-entry arrangements will have to be made to meet the students who are already part through.

MR. LE NOURY: Can those who have gone through the scheme receive just as much recognition with the exception of the elimination of the degree?

MR. KEELING: There is an alteration in some of the books because some are out of print. Those who have taken the full course, the work that they have done will be ranked quite as high as those who take the new scheme. What we have done is to provide that instead of taking all the subjects in each of the years as has been the case in the past, we are separating the subjects and putting science and psychology into one year, and in the next year, religion and philosophy which arise out of science in a sense. As far as the S.N.U. side are concerned they have decided to cut logic out of the curriculum.

PRESIDENT: Probably the most logical thing they have cut out.

#### AINSWORTH HOME OF REST REPORT.

MR. BURROWS moved, MR. HART seconded:

**That the Ainsworth Home of Rest Report be accepted.**

MR. KEELING: Out of every £3 6s. per patient we have spent £2 3s. 1½d. on administrative expenses. My opinion still is that this is too high a percentage.

The report was accepted with three against.

#### OVERSEAS REPORT:

MR. WOOD moved, MR. MACK seconded.

**That the Overseas Report be accepted.**

*Agreed.*

#### S.N.U. A.G.M. REPORT.

MR. ROBSON moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:

**That the S.N.U. A.G.M. Report be accepted.**

*Agreed.*

#### S.N.U. E.C. REPORT.

MR. SLIMIN read his E.C. Report.

MISS OWEN moved, MRS. LONG seconded:

**That the S.N.U. E.C. Report be accepted.**

*Agreed.*

#### DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

MR. MACK moved, MRS. GEORGE seconded:

**That the next Annual Conference be held at Whitsundtide, 1939, and the venue be left in the hands of the Management Committee.**

*Agreed.*

#### MOTIONS.

From the Management Committee.

MR. ROBSON moved, MR. BURROWS seconded:

Bye Law 13, section g,

**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.'**

*Carried unanimously.*

From Runcorn Lyceum.

MR. MACK: On behalf of Runcorn Lyceum I have great pleasure in moving the resolution. I would like to point out that there is a small mistake in the motion as it is printed: it is not quite the motion as it was sent up.

**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."**

MR. MACK: The idea with this was that at present the Lyceum Union can join other bodies, but there is no way of other bodies joining in association with us. It would open the way for us to accept bodies without interfering with our work at all. It gives them an interest in the Lyceum Union and gives it an interest in them without them being able to take undue advantage of their position as members.

They would not be members in the same way that a Lyceum would be a member. Allowed to come to Conference and give a report if they wanted one.

MR. LEATHER seconded the resolution.

MR. KEELING: I respectfully submit that article 5 of our Constitution precludes such alteration to our bye laws.

MRS. MACK: It does not say that membership shall be open to only Lyceums. It does not exclude.

PRESIDENT: That last sentence in article 5 is going to be the big bar to us for a long while.

Article 5 means that if we do accept these other bodies we should have to elect them to a District Council.

MR. ROBSON: It definitely states 'Lyceums' and that Lyceum shall become a member of the D.C. Does that mean bodies that are not Lyceums?

PRESIDENT: I am rather afraid that if Mr. Keeling insists upon his objection I shall have to sustain it.

MR. KEELING: I hope the Knight Crusader people will not think I am opposing their membership. I am not. I do insist because the Lyceum Union has in the past insisted upon this. When Constitution can be altered I think that it might be very easily altered.

PRESIDENT: Article 6 says that membership of the Union shall be open to all Lyceums. What it does say is what we must stand by. I am personally in sympathy with this resolution but I am afraid that I shall have to accept the objection that has been raised and rule the resolution out of order.

This necessarily cuts out the London motion.

#### Liverpool, Daulby Hall.

MISS OWEN: We feel that we do not know whether the Lyceum Movement is a children's movement. We would know exactly the position of the Movement as regards the different ages if this was to pass. How many children, how many adolescents, and how many adults. And so on behalf of Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum I move,

**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.**

MR. MORGAN seconded the resolution.

MR. MACK: Under Bye-Law 4, section 4, can we insist on this being accomplished?

PRESIDENT: This is merely altering the form in which the return shall be made. I do not see that it contravenes the bye law at all. It is quite in order.

MR. ROBSON moved, MR GEORGE seconded:

**That time of Conference be extended to 5-15 p.m.** *Agreed.*

The motion was carried with 5 dissentients.

#### From North East Lancashire L.D.C.

MRS. GRIEVE moved, MR. RAILTON seconded:

**That the District Councils become agents for the sale and/or distribution of Lyceum Union Publications and Literature.**

MRS. GRIEVE: The reasons are that we feel that the sales of the Lyceum Union publications might possibly be helped if there could be the allocation of a certain amount of those publications to each D.C. and by their effort and having dependable Lyceum representatives the Lyceums could buy them.

PRESIDENT: The resolution distinctly says the District Councils to become agents. It does not say anything about arrangements being made whereby they may become agents. If this resolution passes the D.Cs. become agents whether they like it or not.

You also understand that no literature can be supplied to D.Cs. unless it is on a cash basis?

Vote: For the motion 8.

Against overwhelming.

#### From North East Lancashire L.D.C.

MR. RAILTON moved, MRS. GRIEVE seconded:

**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.**

PRESIDENT: There are ambiguities in the resolution. Just what does it mean by D.C. liabilities?

MRS. GRIEVE: We think it is time that both Union officials and the D.C. officials were aware of the financial standing of the Lyceums to both Union and the D.C.

PRESIDENT: D.C. fees change. Until we get them standardised and have some way of knowing what each D.C. charges we cannot add a footnote. It means that your D.C. secretary will have to see that the Union's secretary has the information.

MR. NORTH: I oppose the resolution because it is not necessary.

PRESIDENT: If this passes then the B.S.L.U. will send to all Lyceums within the District a reminder that they owe the Council fee.

Mr. Hart moved, Mr. Taylor seconded:

**That the Vote be taken.**

For the motion 39 votes.

Against 10.

*Carried.*

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

MR. ELLIS: It gives me great pleasure to rise to propose the vote of thanks. I do not wish to confine it to the retiring members, I do rather couple with it one to the Officers for services rendered during the last 12 months, so that all of you will receive our heartiest thanks. The work of local people has been admirably carried out. Our sincere thanks for so kindly and capably providing for the need of all.

MISS OWEN: I would like to second the motion. Manchester is always recognised for its warmth of feeling and I do not think anyone can go away without recognising that we have had a happy week-end.

*The motion was carried with applause.*

MR. SHAW moved, MR. BURROWS seconded:

**That we re-appoint Mr. Joe Entwistle as Professional Accountant to the Union, his fee to be arranged by the Management Committee.** *Carried.*

MR. TAYLOR: I want to accept on behalf of my colleagues your appreciation of the hospitality and work done.

MR. RAILTON moved, MR. MORGAN seconded:

**That Miss Halliday be re-appointed Guild Leader.** *Carried.*

PRESIDENT: That concludes our business. I thank you for your attendance at what has been a remarkable Conference; one which will undoubtedly have its part in the history of our Movement. I declare our Conference closed.

Conference closed at 5-20 p.m.