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WHY I AM A MEDIUM.

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From an early age I have been what may be called naturally psychic. The invisible and unseen world seems almost from the beginning to have been to me a vivid and abiding Reality. To ask why I am a medium would seem like asking a poet why he writes poetry or a musical composer why he composes music. It seems in the nature of things and I believe that mediums are something like musicians and artists, they seem born that way and not made. I am mediumistic because like the poet these faculties seem fundamental and inherent in my very make-up. I have not sought by coercion or undue attention to develop such psychic powers; they seem a sort of spontaneous expression. For some years now I have been an active worker in the Spiritualist Movement, exercising my psychic faculties, providing what I hope is evidence of truly hidden powers in man and of survival after death. I chose to follow this vocation simply because there is what may be called instinctive urge in that direction and because I feel such work to be natural, honourable, and useful. The work is sacred and responsible and can be of especial service to bereaved people. Those who mourn may possibly find conviction and comfort and psychic investigation is a widespread interest and hence my sustained service is in this unorthodox direction.

Let me first briefly tell how I became a medium. The story is very simple. I owe my introduction to Spiritualistic matters to my father. His interest was first aroused at Nottingham just after the war period and it was some advertisement of psychic literature that attracted his notice. Being of a studious nature and a reader of different kinds of books he was curious to know what could be said on this subject. The first book he got hold of was I believe Dr. James Coates' "Is Spiritualism Based on Facts, Fancy or Fraud?" The case as put by Dr. Coates impressed him and further reading revealed to him gems of wisdom

and literature as Robert Blatchford has expressed it. Here was something appealing and soothing in his mental state at that time. In the course of time my father began to personally attend Spiritualist meetings and being from the beginning a great companion of his I was asked if I would like to go with him. I distinctly remember this first meeting for it was then that I became aware of my psychic powers. I do not remember being psychically aware or psychically conscious before then. I was then thirteen years of age. The atmosphere somehow appealed to me and I was then naturally thoughtful or studious and even at this early period a reader of all sorts of literature. During what is called the after circle I remember seeing very vividly the figure of a woman appear all dressed in white. That apparition was most real and indeed my psychic experiences of this time were of the most vivid kind. If I had no other assurance of the reality of a spiritual world I should be content. I watched that celestial form arrayed in white robes for some time, and around the circle she went beating time to the singing like a conductor and radiating a most elevating atmosphere. My lady in white was no ghost to me, she was so real as to make me think it must somehow be a live person suddenly confronting my vision. Not until she vanished slowly from sight did I fully realise the *nature* of my vision.

If space permitted I could tell of other early experiences. I remember coming home from school one day and seeing the vision of an undertaker standing at the bottom of the stairs and beckoning me to follow upstairs. I did follow half way up and then through nervousness the form vanished. I described the man to my mother and we afterwards learnt it was the exact description of the man who had occupied the house prior to our becoming tenants, and he was by profession an undertaker, a fact I was entirely ignorant of.

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The Lyceum: Its Work, Teachings, etc.

By MRS. J. SLIMIN.

(The following paper was prepared as an opening for a discussion at a meeting of the Tyneside L.D.C., but unfortunate circumstances prevented its presentation. It is believed that there are points raised that could lead to helpful and constructive discussion through the pages of the BANNER and readers' opinions on it are invited.)

I am presuming that it will be generally acknowledged and accepted that, briefly stated, the Lyceum is to Spiritualism what the Sunday-school is to Orthodoxy. It ought to be the nursery and training-ground for the Movement.

Lyceum training is essentially educational. It claims that its work is to unfold the physical, mental, moral and Spiritual qualities of its members.

Just here, I would like to point out that when the Lyceum movement was commenced education and educational facilities in this country were crude when compared with the educational system of to-day. In the early days of the Movement the Lyceum was a pioneer movement and the calisthenics and marching must have been of great value to the children of that day.

Fortunately, there has been a great change in educational methods in our schools. The physical fitness of the youth of our country to-day is held to be of paramount importance and our children are in the care of specialists who see to the development of the physical nature of their charges.

With gymnasiums, halls, spacious play-grounds and playing fields, first class equipment and qualified teachers, we recognise how comparatively inadequate are the facilities for physical unfoldment that we can offer in our Lyceums.

I would suggest that we gratefully hand over this part of our work and concentrate on other aspects of the work to be done in our Lyceums.

I have said that Lyceum work is educational. To too many the idea of education is the imparting of Knowledge. Real education is drawing out all that is inherent in the child; unfolding the faculties of seeing, hearing, sensing, reasoning etc.

The Lyceum should not be a place where adults seek to mould and fashion the children like unto themselves. How many leaders just love to have an audience to whom they can expound all that they know and believe. Please get the right idea of education and carry it into your Lyceum.

I do not propose, in this paper, to suggest any set order of session to be followed by Lyceumists. That matter has already been fully discussed and it is a question that depends on the circumstances, environment and needs to be met in different Lyceums. I do not want to multiply difficulties but rather to help to make the best use possible of the material we have to work with.

Touching leadership in the Lyceums. I know I am treading here on difficult ground. The ideal conductor is not always easy to find,—a person with a great love and understanding of children and with the knowledge and ability to attract and help to unfold all that is best and noblest in the child.

We don't hope to find always the ideal, but we can seek, as leaders, to make ourselves as near the ideal as possible.

No teacher worthy of the name would take a lesson in school without being sure that he, or she, understood the subject and knew as much about it as possible. A teacher ought to be prepared to answer any question that may arise on that subject.

Leaders in the Lyceum ought to prepare for their session and fit themselves to answer as near as possible any question that may arise.

Don't shelve a question by giving a little address that is no answer to the question. Conductors should learn to be brief and concise in answering questions. It is not always wise to give a very full explanation. Seek to lead the questioner into right channels of thought and so induce mental unfoldment.

Now, by what means do we propose to help in the *mental* unfoldment of our Lyceumists—to me, the thing of the highest importance is 'example.' It is surprising how a child copies its teacher, especially if there is a bond of love and understanding between teacher and pupil.

There should be no question as to the moral life of a leader or Conductor in the Lyceum. Differences of opinion that lead to quarrelling, petty jealousies and discords should find no home in the Lyceum or the work of unfolding the moral faculties of the children is being retarded.

There are many in the Movement who advocate the introduction of literature other than the 'Manual' into our sessions.

This is a sign of progression: Good literature has much to offer that will feed the unfolding

intelligence of ourselves and our children. By all means give the best that can be got to our Lyceumists, but don't discard your Manual. Don't use it only for the reading of Silver Chains, etc. Discriminate in your choice of readings. There is more teaching in the 'Manual' than has been touched by the majority of Lyceum workers. And remember, it has been compiled for Spiritualists and, as a text-book, is the finest foundation possible upon which to build a spiritualistic philosophy.

Most of the older Spiritualists of to-day have approached Spiritualism through its phenomena and have had to build up a philosophy touching the nature of man and his relationship to God,—his immortality and life in a Spirit world because of the knowledge of the truth of that phenomena.

The 'Manual' helps Lyceumists to commence at the other end as it were. They get from it an understanding of the three-fold nature of Man and his relationship to God and so are led to a knowledge that makes phenomena a natural part of life.

Don't try to make little mediums in your Lyceum but use your 'Manual' to unfold the spiritual nature of the child and all else necessary will follow.

Yet! I can hear the same old question being asked. "How are we to attract and hold the children of to-day, especially from the ages of twelve upwards?" I am afraid the answer to that question is very difficult. Many Lyceumists are seeking to solve the problem by introducing more and more social activities into their Lyceums.

A certain amount of social activity is good and necessary but there is a danger of losing sight of the real work of the Lyceum in our anxiety to hold together a group of young people who only come to the Lyceum because of the social life in which they can participate. Of course, I recognise that, having got the youngsters together, the opportunity is there to impart Lyceum teaching and, provided there are capable workers to ensure that both sides of the work can be carried out, this may solve the problem. However, I am quite sure that in many of our Lyceums there are not leaders or facilities for much social work to be attempted.

Personally, I believe we are reaching the stage when there is a surfeit of social life for the young people of to-day. The need for a quiet time of withdrawal from pleasure and social life is more apparent to-day than ever it has been.

Again, we are living at a time when so many parents take no interest in the spiritual welfare of their children. They themselves have no time for religion and often it is only by accident that a child enters a Sunday-school.

I believe that in the Lyceum session itself must lie the solution to this problem of attracting and holding the young people. Even if there is only a dozen children to begin with that dozen can become so interested that they will bring others to share their interest and so the Lyceum will grow.

In the first part of this paper I have tried to indicate the lines upon which leaders might work for the better carrying out of the work of the Lyceum. I can only add that it is up to the leaders to make their session programme as attractive as possible and to remember that a child can teach even an adult with thirty or more years experience of Lyceum work.

I am not trying to lay down any rules for the governing of a Lyceum. The purpose of this paper is only to open out the way for discussion and I trust that this purpose will be achieved.

Oh, the little wayside blessings,
That we squander every day,
If we shared them with each other
They would glorify the way.
They would grow as 'neath the sunshine
Flowers in summer days unfold,
Till each one of them had blossomed
Into blessings manifold.

Be deaf to all but kindly words
Hear only what is fair,
Look for the best in all you see,
And you will find it there.

Don't kick the door until you've tried the handle.

If you want life to be a song you must provide some of the harmony.

Personality is the greatest asset a man can possess. —*De Conlay*.

Knowledge perverted is knowledge no longer. —*Lytton*.

The primary vocation of man is a life of activity. —*Goethe*.

To business that we love we rise betimes. —*Shakespeare*.

Competition is keen at the base, but there is none at the top. —*Wiseman*.

The language of truth is simple. —*Euripides*.

The knowledge of thyself will preserve thee from vanity. —*Cervantes*.

To be able to be silent shows power. —*W ber*.

To educate the intelligence is to enlarge its horizon. —*Lowell*.



RESTORATION FUND.

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Although most of our contributors have evidently been holiday making during August, I am looking forward to big returns this month, when Secretaries return their N.C. Collecting books by the 24th.

Further to create a new interest I am giving you a chance to win a prize.

HOLIDAY SNAPS COMPETITION

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2. Write your name and address on the back of each snap.
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There is no entry fee for this Competition, but of course I appeal to all to support our effort by sending me a donation.

I know there are many friends who do not send because they feel their donations are too small. Your gifts, however small, are appreciated.

Even if it is only a shilling or sixpence, it all helps to make up a grand total for the year.

Amounts received from July 19th to August 22nd:

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| Sheffield District Council .. | 9 | 6 |
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Two efforts in force at present are appealing to workers who have been members of a Lyceum but

owing to residing in districts where we have not a centre are unable to attend Sessions, also public workers who are interested; about £5 was raised in the London Districts in this way. Secretaries could help by sending me the names and addresses of any such members. I would then write them.

A further effort is being tried out in the London district this month which I hope to extend to other districts. I am asking all S.N.U. Churches to take one retiring collection for the fund.

Here again Secretaries can assist by sending me a list of churches together with the Secretaries' names and addresses in their districts.

At the time of sending this report to press I am in the position of being able to tell Dr. Wardle that Lyceumists are not so bad as some people regarding being pool minded, but seeing there is yet time to receive the hundreds I anticipated I will not do so at present. I can only ask my readers to get the August BANNER if they missed this chance.

All donations should be sent to the above address. Cheques and postal orders made payable to the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union and crossed = & Co.

Thanking all helpers.

RUTH A. FRUIN.

TO A LADY, AN APOLOGY.

(Dedicated to a snowy day, Dec. 1937)

By G. L. SIMS.

Up and down they go, just footprints in the snow,
And yet amused I gaze upon one foot upon a toe.
A gentleman's I know had crushed the lady's so,
I wonder if they ever met, these actors here below?
O, God, or Gods, you seem so cruel letting injury
 roam so free,

Then giving us each and everyone the snow of
 memory,
That we might view anew those things we didn't
 mean to do.

'Tis true, 'tis true, for here I shew for I stepped on
 the lady's toe.

Now, gentle maid (though ne'er we've met) I've
 never harmed a lady yet,

But still within my snowy mind there's a mark
 I've made thro' walking blind.

So the title of this tale shall be, "to a lady, an
 apology."

And if in Heaven we e'er shall meet I'll walk with
 you in spirit sweet,

For if your print portrays your part you'll have a
 quick forgiving heart.

Then together we will tread along that street of a
 million well and ordered feet,

And we'll be, too, the whole way thro', complete
 boot, dainty shoe.

B.S.L.U. EDUCATION SCHEME.

The B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. Conferences are now well over and each Union is taking up the cudgels for a strenuous year of activities to help forward the work of the "spirit world."

Amongst these activities is the educational side, an endeavour to develop a more intelligent interpretation of spiritualistic philosophy and on the Lyceum side a finer conception of the "Lyceum Ideal." Both conferences unanimously adopted the suggestions of the Joint Education Committee regarding a revised scheme, and the B.S.L.U. section was delighted with the enthusiastic response to its suggestions.

We all recognise that the enthusiasm of Conference is not always sustained throughout the Lyceums as a whole, but judging by the renewal of intelligent interest shown in almost every question placed before Conference, there are definite indications of Lyceumists' determination to break away from the recent apathy and beaten tracks and arouse themselves to more progressive endeavours.

With this assurance the committee feels greatly encouraged and is looking forward to a *real* revival of interest in the educational side.

On Aug 27th the J.E.C. meet to revise the Joint Scheme. On the 28th the B.S.L.U. Education Committee meet to work out all the necessary details of their section now entitled "The Lyceumists Course." Many alterations will be necessary and a new stock of "Forms" and stationery will be needed. Fortunately the present stock is low, so in that respect the loss will be small. **But money will be needed to meet the new expenditure.**

For a few years the committee has not pressed for donations knowing that calls are being constantly made for the General Funds of the Union, but we feel that the time is now opportune to press our appeal, and those friends who appreciate the persistent efforts of the committee to modernise our scheme may feel a special urge to show their appreciation in a practical way by sending along a donation. These, large or small, would gladden the hearts of both the Education Committee and Management Committee. Please think it over. The time may come when the Union can earmark all income from the Education literature in preparation for all renewals when necessary. This would be a wise course, but up to the moment the Union has needed every penny of its income for general purposes. Some day new handbooks will be needed and money will have to be found.

Enquiries have been made concerning a re-sit

examination this year, but seeing that the revised scheme will mean a revision of ages and changes in the nature of the examination it has been decided not to hold an October re-sit for 1938.

A sub-committee has been appointed by the M.C. to consider the four points in the President's Address at Conference, and we are looking forward to a co-operative working with this committee with the object of our joint ideas helping to modernize and broaden the outlook of Lyceumists generally on the subject of education.

In all probability the Education Article of the September BANNER will contain a full report of our education week-end in August. Please bring this and all monthly articles to the notice of Lyceumists. It is one way, at least, of enthusing greater educational activity and showing the consistent interest of the education members in their Lyceum welfare.

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

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Dear Guildites,

There are no new members to introduce to you this month, due to the fact that I have been on holiday, and so away from home and the Guild Books. But, I hope it will be different next month, for then Lyceums should have begun, or at least be planning, their week-night classes for the winter months; and we should have a good number of Guild Branches being enrolled.

Finance

This month the only expenditure has been postage, which amounts to 2s. 7d., for though on holiday and away from home correspondence still goes on. The last balance I gave you was £10 os. 9½d. and so if you take off the postage you will find we now have £9 18s. 2½d. left.

S.O.S.

Will you please send helpful and loving thoughts to Mrs. Macdonald and family, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, who have had rather a trying time during the last five weeks? To begin with Alan Macdonald, one of our Guildites, was taken away with scarlet fever; but, I am pleased to say, he has progressed nicely, and is now ready for home. The same day word came from Bournemouth that Mr. Bentley, also a Guildite and father of Mrs. Macdonald, had had a seizure; and he passed on on the Thursday without regaining consciousness. Mrs. Bentley, also one of *our* family, was confined to bed as a result of a slight seizure; and she had to be brought to Wallsend in an ambulance to be looked after by her daughter. Then this week I have had word that Mrs. Bentley also has passed on. So, will you join with me in sending thoughts to the two in Spirit? They are lifelong Lyceumists, and though not *active* workers for a while back, have been a means of inspiration to many of our workers. May their interest in our work continue in their new life!

News Bits.

As I was leaving home I heard of the arrival of Gordon John Probert, the first child of two of our one-time Guildites at Warrington. His mother was one of the first to enquire about Our Guild when I was asked to revise it, and she acted as Guild Leader at her Lyceum where they had a very flourishing branch until she had to leave because of her work. This young man was named

at the Lyceum by Mr. Foster, father of Marion Foster, one of our members in Spirit; and received a Lyceum badge from the Lyceum. Mrs. Probert cannot attend the Lyceum because of home duties, but there are others at Warrington; and I am still hoping that someone will revive their Guild, and manage to arrange weeknight meetings. All our good wishes to Gordon John for a healthy and successful life!

My thanks to the Lyceumist who has *dared* to write to me after the lapse of a few years. I am glad a woman gave him the necessary courage! For there are those who think that when they cease to be Lyceumists and so Guildites they are not allowed to write to me. So please rid yourself of that wrong idea, and get busy with your pen at once; for I do not suddenly lose all interest in you when you stop attending the Lyceum.

Mrs. Grieve is once more at home, and though she is still weak and finds walking a difficulty she is gradually getting better.

Another post for the Guild Leader from Canada and South Africa! Mrs. Rushton, of Calgary, is spending her vacation in Seattle, and sent me a post-card of The Totem Pole in Pioneer Square, which was carved from a single cedar tree sixty feet high by a tribe of Indians in south eastern Alaska.

Mrs. Galpin has also written again, this time enclosing snaps of an ancient copper mine near the Limpopo River, and of a coloured lad near a motor-car in the "centre of nowhere." All the snaps from South Africa are being mounted in an album of their own, as they are so useful for my school work; but I will bring them to next Conference and then delegates can see them.

Word has also been received from the Monks family at Sunderland. They gave me a most unexpected surprise by remembering my birthday, for which I am indeed grateful.

My thanks to each person who has written to me, for you have no idea how your letters and cards seem to come just at the right moment, and when most needed; and are an incentive and source of inspiration.

In answer to requests here is a brief description of my holiday. Again I have been to Dunoon, the place I visited last year. It is the first time I have ever returned to a place, for life here is so short that I want to see as much as possible while I am able; but the holiday at Dunoon was so restful and peaceful, and the Scotch family with whom we stayed so hospitable and congenial that we obeyed the urge and returned. Most of our time was spent on the Clyde steamers where there is an abundance of fresh air and sunshine, all free and for nothing. This year we visited Ayr, and saw

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UNCLE BERT'S LETTER

FOR HOME
AND OVER-
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My Dear Boys and Girls,

Although holidays are over for most of you and you are settling yourselves back at school I wonder how many toys you have played with during your holidays.

Of course you have had your bats and balls, your dolls too; you have also had some fun chasing each other in such games as Touch or He, as some call it, but what about toys?

Before we leave open air games for those we play indoors during the darker evenings I want to talk to you about nature's toys.

God's Toy Cupboard.

We are so well provided in these days with mechanical and other toys made by man that we forget that God has given us hundreds of toys to play with, toys which do not cost us a penny; they are free to all.

I expect nearly all of you have played with them but perhaps never thought of them as nature's toys. I will try and go back to when I was a little boy and tell you about some I used to play with.

Flowers.

One of the first to come to my mind is the Buttercup and the Daisy chain.

Then came the stalks of the Dandelion. I remember making watch chains with these, while the seed head of the same flower acted as a clock, blowing off the seeds to see what time it was.

There were also several garden flowers; one being the Antirrhinum or Snapdragon; by pinching the end of the flowers they opened their mouths like dogs.

Grasses.

Haymaking time always provided great fun romping in the hay.

There were special grasses we used to play with, the one where we count off the shoots reciting, "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor." Another was the hair curler, which of course was not very nice for the girls, but the same we used to wind round and round until we had a long whip.

Vegetables.

Even these provided toys, for with the turnips we used to cut out the inside in such a way that

we made lanterns, while of course all boys use peas for their peashooters.

Fruit.

The blackberries, wild strawberries and cranberries gave us both fun and scratches, gathering the horse-chestnut gave us conkers.

Trees and Hedges.

Had many uses, for with our pocket knives we cut out walking sticks which we suitably carved as Boy Scouts do today. While "Tip it and run" was a game we got from the hedges.

Sand and Mud.

I do not think I need say much about these, for those of you who have been to the seaside have made castles and some who went to the country mud pies.

Rivers, Lakes and Sea.

These are happy places for sailing boats, paddling or swimming, while the stones near by make fun for shying games.

The Wind.

I remember having a very fine box kite, but it would not have been much good to me had it not been for the wind which carried it up. I think I have given you enough here to remind you that all the toys we buy from the shops are not the only playthings in the world.

I must confess in writing of these things I have gone over many happy hours of my childhood. Of course I did not think of God giving me so many toys to play with until I was older, but I want you to think about it now, while you are young. If you know of others I have not mentioned, will you write and tell me all about them. I should love to get heaps of letters this month.

Taken for Granted.

To my younger readers I have endeavoured to convey a lesson on the Fatherhood of God, by His revelation in nature. To older members: I know they often look upon this subject with some amount of perplexity and are often tempted to ask the whys and wherefores. Is it not because we take things for granted too much.

The gifts of God are so bountiful that we allow them to become commonplace, whereas if we were to trace them to their origin we should soon see that such gifts are far removed from man power. In doing so we are drawn closer to that divine force we call God, our Father.

As we enter the Autumn and Winter campaign of our local centres, let us be mindful that be-

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SEPTEMBER, 1938.

SEPTEMBER

THIS is a month which has a psychological effect upon the human race. To those who have a somewhat morbid tendency and seem to find comfort in dwelling on the darker side of life it is accepted as a bad omen.

They greet you with the fact that Autumn is upon us and someone is sure to pass on. It is a month which I prefer to compare with the month of April the awakening of new life. For as the one is the herald of Spring the other is the re-awakening of new ideals.

The majority of workers take a well earned rest during the Summer months, while some of our centres even close down during the month of August. This month sees the doors re-opened with workers awaiting to start their new campaign full of zeal and energy.

The Management Committee have set themselves the task of giving a lead to new endeavours in order to rebuild our organisation to become a centre of attraction and usefulness. This magazine is one of their new suggestions accepted by Conference. I would again appeal to all concerned to create new interest in this monthly publication. Pushing the sales by securing a regular list of purchasers in and outside the Lyceum. Helping to cover the cost by using it as an advertising medium for your meetings. Showing your interest by corresponding with the various sections which request your co-operation.

Electing a Magazine Agent who will devote his or her whole energy in the distribution to readers. By so doing you would soon be able to order additional copies, whereas now you may have unsold copies each month.

If each centre would undertake this task I feel sure our magazine can become a paying proposition, whereas in recent years it has failed to cover its cost.

Let us then avoid allowing the month to become associated with any darkened omens, rather let it be the symbol of new life and endeavour in all sections of our organisation.

There are those who speak of September glories for they see in the changing shades a beauty in nature. Let us look for the beauties in the changing shades of opinion, encouraging rather than blaming modern youth for departing from faded ideas.

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the birthplace of Burns, which is well preserved by the Burns Society. In the gardens we saw the most beautiful hedge of sweet peas that it has ever been our lot to see; and we also wandered on "the banks and braes o' bonnie Doon," which indeed are a delight to the eye.

Another day we sailed to Campbeltown, a busy centre of the herring industry, and although the fishermen were on strike at that time the first thing we noticed about the place was the smell.

Inverary on Loch Fyne was another town in a lovely setting with a castle and an old, interesting church.

We did not go, like Sir Harry Lauder, over the hills to Ardentiny, but round the side of Holy Loch, and Loch Long. We spent a whole day just sitting at the water side gazing and gazing at the hills, and thought it one of the most peaceful spots we had come across, for we seemed to be almost alone in the world.

We came home with our minds stored with pictures of this land of heather clad hills, of tree-clad slopes, and of shimmering locks; ready at any time "to shine upon that inward eye, which is the bliss of solitude."

That you may have refurnished your stock of pictures is the wish of

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

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yond all human endeavour we are dependent on higher powers to bring forth the desires of our hearts.

This month I want to ask you to encourage the children to write to me even if it means your posting their letters to me.

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

B.S.L.U. Delegates' Report of Annual General Meeting.

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Spiritualists' National Union was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Birmingham, on July 2nd, 1938.

As your delegates we received the usual fraternal welcome to the platform.

The welcome was given by Alderman Alice Arnold, J.P., Mayor of Coventry, on behalf of the Mayor of Birmingham who was unable to be present owing to other engagements; the South Midland Group also extended a fraternal welcome. Mr. McIndoe and Mr. Raffill suitably responded.

The President's address was based under three headings.

(a) Trust Property, stating that 150 churches were now in the Trust; the cost of such work called for additional financial support.

(b) Pooling Committee. That there was about £12,000 in the pool, which was not enough to meet the demands made. Churches were urged to support the pool by putting their monies into it.

(c) Young People. This section was mainly dealt with by making reference to Mr. Slimin's presidential address given at the B.S.L.U. Conference, based on the question of "Has Modern Spiritualism any attraction to retain youth."

Mr. McIndoe stated there was no evidence apart from the Lyceum, and it depended on how and where it was expounded.

He claimed that Spiritualism could attract youth as it had in the case of his own daughters, but he contended it is impossible to run an education system for all ages in one room. He considered the time had arrived when a fresh start should be made, suggesting that this should be under the guidance of the parent body.

If Spiritualism has nothing to offer youth, "God help the youth of the country."

He urged the meeting to accept the joint inter-relations Committee report which contained the resolutions that the joint committee should continue its work in trying to reach a workable agreement between the two Unions.

The address called forth much comment mainly directed to the latter section, the trust and pooling sections not receiving the attention they warranted.

Amongst the many speakers on the address Mr. Slimin replied to points which were directed to his address stating that he considered there is very little dividing the two Unions, but if control is to be adhered to, control would only lead to controversy.

Then followed the General business of Conference including the extraordinary meeting for

the purpose of considering the Articles of Associations.

As much of the business applies only to the S.N.U. working we consider it only necessary to give a brief report of the main items, while as your delegates we have a full report which can be given at Conference if necessary. The question of the resignation of Mr. Harris, the General Secretary, was explained to the satisfaction of Conference. The Articles of Association were discussed at some length and finally referred back to next Conference.

The Annual Report gave 16 new churches, the total number being 539, with a membership of 13,617. The Treasurer's statement showed that fees were up by about £17. Total subscriptions being £696 4s. 4d.

The suggested budget was estimated that the result would be £127 down by the end of the year.

The total of 41 subscribing members' fees being £11 8s. od. more than last year.

Churches were requested to order Diaries, also to supply alternative tunes applicable to hymns in the National Hymn Book.

Regarding the issuing of Healing Certificates the President stated that such would only be issued after a most careful investigation. Under the National College report it was agreed that in future only the names of successful candidates be reported at the A.G.M. and the number of failures given without names.

It was reported that the Education Committee were meeting later and would consider the request for those desiring to complete their examinations under the present system.

Mr. Raffill expressed his thanks to those supporting the fund of Benevolence in his Secretarial Report, while general appreciations were expressed to the services of Miss Stair.

The Inter-relations Committee report was unanimously accepted without discussion.

The Credential Report for Conference was 107 present 106 to vote.

The officers elected were Mr. Blake, President, Mr. J. M. Stewart, Vice-President, Mr. Brewer, Treasurer.

During the evening session a presentation of a cheque and an illuminated address was made to Mr. McIndoe, in appreciation of his past services, and a gold wristlet watch to Mrs. McIndoe.

Many present paid tribute to their joint services for the cause.

Mrs. Pickles gave a very pleasing report of the B.S.L.U. Conference.

W. BURROWS,
ALBERT E. FRUIN.

The Knight Crusaders

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

UNDER THE CRUSADING BANNERS

The Knight Crusaders extend their deepest sympathy to Kt. Adjutant A. H. Colbourne, commanding officer of 'E' Cohort, in his sorrow at the loss of his sister-in-law, who passed to the higher life so suddenly.

During the last two months I have received a number of letters from Lyceum officers, wishing to form Squadrons in their Lyceums, who feel the attendant responsibilities to such a step so greatly and realise that without training they cannot achieve the success they desire, that they seek advice on how to obtain the necessary qualifications. As there will be Lyceums who are interested in the formation of a Squadron, and have held back on this account, a few words now should be of moment to them.

In defining the ideal qualifications of a Crusading Officer, I cannot do better than quote Kt. Lt. Comndr. Eva Dean's conception as expressed at a recent Board Meeting.

1. Should possess a great amount of patience with children.
2. In sport, to remember that a moral standard as well as physical ability is necessary.
3. Have a dynamic personality to encourage Esprit de corps of the Knight, the Squadron and the Crusade itself.
4. Cultivate punctuality and maintain that type of discipline which ensures orderly conduct, a display of good breeding and harmony.
5. Should possess a knowledge of at least two or three Crusading Activities and should be on the alert for any special talent amongst the knights and squires which can be developed and utilised for the benefit of all, and analytical of character to notice those traits which mar an otherwise noble character and seek to correct and eradicate them psychologically.
6. Should be tolerant and tactful.

The Squadron leader, whether man or woman, should be one not necessarily proficient in any or all the Crusading activities who can blend the abilities of the Kt. Ensigns and organise the operation of the Squadron so that interest is maintained by all Crusaders and a harmonious obedience and sense of orderliness prevails.

Having reaped the benefit of experience gained through Squadrons forming too quickly, without full thought to the manner of officering, and again the presence of a very small percentage fortunately who hold office for the sake of the rank rather than the job to be accomplished, I am compiling

a postal course of training for intending officers, whether a Squadron is to be formed in the near future or not, so that they may qualify in readiness for the time when such a step is contemplated. There will be no expense involved for the course, and examination will be arranged in conjunction with the Lyceum, in a similar manner to the Education scheme. By the time of publication these courses should be available to all applicants.

Owing to the very large number of essays submitted by Crusaders, and, I am pleased to say other Lyceumists, and the high standard of effort, I must postpone until next issue announcing the winning essay.

To commemorate the journey to London by Crusaders to attend the Christmas Thanksgiving Celebrations, at which the Crusader in Spirit contacts the knights of the earthly Crusade, a device known as the Pilgrimage Charge will be awarded to all provincial Crusaders. My heartiest commendations incidentally to the members of 'E' Cohort, who are not only extremely 'hot' on badgework, but are saving up week by week to be able to come down en masse by cheap day excursion. I am hoping this noble example will be followed by Squadrons all over the country. Incidentally, substantial reductions in fares are obtainable where large parties travel together.

Wishing you all a Crusader's knightly greetings and all success.

F. C. PETZ,
Knight Commander.

LIMERICKS.

A cheerful old bear at the zoo,
Could always find something to do,
When it bored him you know,
To walk to and fro,
He reversed it and walked fro and to.

* * *

In Huron a hewer, Hugh Hughes,
Hewed yews of unusual hues,
Hugh Hughes hewed blue yews,
To make sheds for his ewes,
So his ewes a blue-hued yew-shed now use.

* * *

There was an old man of Madrid
Who ate sixty-five eggs for a quid,
When they asked "Are you faint?"
He replied, "No I ain't,
But I don't feel as well as I did."

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.

What is the difference between "individuality" and "personality?"

These two words are often used wrongly—as being synonymous. Individuality is often defined as "distinctness of character" but more correctly means the separate and distinct existence of one living entity from every other living entity, e.g. a single person.

Personality is the manifestation, through this person, of the sum total of their characteristics, and these are determined by the development or otherwise of their moral qualities.

Individuality is unalterable, but personality may change according to development.

Is "good and evil" determined by individual interpretation?

This appears to be a controversial question even to our old Greek philosophers and includes the question as to where goodness lies.

Plato says "goodness exists outside you and man is always striving after it." This is in keeping with many religious systems. Kant says "goodness is a feeling within you, a moral responsibility of acting according to those maxims which man can will to be a Universal Law. This implies the understanding of nature's laws and their lessons to man. Whether we agree or not with these definitions, we find that any individual interpretation of goodness must consist in coherence with one person's manipulation of reality with other persons'. And actions in themselves have no morality. It is the effect of our actions upon the person or group which is the test of goodness and has determined our codes of conduct. Whilst to some measure good and evil (so-called) may be determined by the individual it cannot be released from the general standard adopted and should meet with the greatest good for the greatest number.

How far does proof of survival help the soul's development?

Proof of survival does not necessarily help the soul's development. This depends upon the capacity to respond to spiritual laws. One can be convinced of survival without ever having the

spiritual nature awakened, but it may mean that conviction will open the eyes to the reality of spirit and as an initial basis develop the capacity to reach higher planes of thought which will help the soul's development.

WHY I AM A MEDIUM (*Continued from page 141*).

ant of. It was a very old house, and I feel sure there was something hidden in the room upstairs he wished to direct me to, and was in a sense haunting the building. On another occasion in this same house both my brother and I saw a very solid materialization in the bedroom. I distinctly remember awakening on this particular night sometime about 2 a.m. and seeing the form of a man fully dressed standing at the bottom of the bed in an attitude of prayer. I lay watching this apparition some time and felt my brother nudging me to let me know he was awake too, and whispering he said, "Do you see that man standing there at the bottom of the bed?" It was clearly no hallucination on my part for here was another witness proving the objective nature of my vision. The apparition was quite solid and life-like. I have never seen anything before or since so solidly materialized.

At this early stage I found myself clairvoyante. I simply could not recount all the visions seen. From mediumistic work done locally I was gradually invited to give demonstrations in a wider field. I was well known among those interested in psychic matters all over Northumberland and Durham before the age of fifteen. In my capacity as medium and inspired speaker I must have addressed hundreds of meetings. Since then my work has taken me all over the country, into practically every county, every town, into Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales. Is it any wonder then that I am a medium? From the nature of things it seems only natural. I have briefly recounted a little personal history in order to answer the query "Why are you a medium?" The reason is apparent from the foregoing explanation. It may be asked if one has any advice to offer for the development of mediumship. Well there are certain books that the beginner will find helpful. I would recommend Mr. Evan's little book on How to be a Medium and the old favourite, A Guide to Mediumship, by E. W. Wallis. Here will be found useful hints on how to sit for those sincerely seeking to develop their psychic nature. But I repeat again that fundamentally one must have pronounced instincts in this direction. I believe with Oliver Baldwin that all of us may be mediumistic but it is definitely a matter of degree so far as successful exercise of these powers are concerned.

Practical Spiritualism

Have you ever been asked the question: "What practical good does your Spiritualism and Lyceumism do?"

If so, we can give you at least one answer to those who ask the question.

The Spiritualists' National Union has its Fund of Benevolence, which has, and is, doing a lot of good work by helping old workers who are in straitened circumstances financially.

The Lyceum Movement also has its Fund through which practical sympathy can be expressed to indigent Lyceumists needing convalescent treatment following illness. This Fund is known as

The Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme

Unfortunately, the present available funds are limited, and much more could be done if these could be augmented.

We Appeal for Help—Practical Help for a Practical Cause

Why not send a donation and so do your share in aiding your sick Lyceumist friends to a speedier recovery of health and strength.

All Donations should be forwarded to:—
The Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme,
c/o The British Spiritualists' Lyceum
Union,
Third Floor, 41, John Dalton Street,
MANCHESTER 2.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

LAUGH WITH US.

A father said to his son: "When I was your age my father would not allow me to go out at night."

"You had a hard-boiled father," replied the young scamp.

"I had a lot better father than you have," replied Dad.

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Two young boys were discussing Sunday School. One of them said: "Jim, do you believe all this funny stuff they teach us about the devil?"

The other replied: "No, there ain't no devil. It's just the same as Santa Claus: it's your father."

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Too Hot.

Nellie's grandma had a weakness for peppermints, and as a reward for being a good girl Nellie was given two.

She ate one of the sweets with evident enjoyment. After a bit she looked thoughtful. Then she placed the second peppermint by the open window.

"Don't you like your sweets, Nellie?" asked grandma.

"Rather," was the reply, "I'm only waiting for this one to cool a bit."

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Does your wife ever pay you any compliments? Only in the winter.

In the winter? What do you mean?

When the fire gets low she says "Alexander, the grate."

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Chance.

"I suppose you don't expect to see the end of another 100 years" said the tourist to the village centenarian.

"Am no so sure about that" said the old man. "You see I'm a heap stronger than when I started the first hundred."

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Language.

Said the electrician's wife to her husband when he came home at 1 a.m.

"Wire you insulate?"

RIDDLE-MÈ-REE.

What runs, but never walks,

Has a bed but never sleeps?—A river.

What has four legs and only one foot?—A bed.

What is the difference between a penny and a shilling?—Elevenpence.

What was Joan of Arc made of?—She was Maid of Orleans.

Why is a boaster like an india rubber ball?—

Because he is full of bounce.

What bird represents a well pleased dog?—A wag tail.

When is a rock not a rock?—When it's a shamrock.

What kind of tables do we eat?—Vegetables.

GAMES FOR YOUR SOCIALS.

Gigantic Sneeze.

This will raise a laugh if the social seems to be getting somewhat dull.

Divide the company into three groups. At a given signal one group shouts "Ah," the second group shouts "Tish" and the third groups shouts "Shoo." The result will resemble a loud sneeze.

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Take a pair of opera glasses to school with you. Lay a piece of string on the floor. Now let each player in turn look at his feet through the wrong end of the glasses, and then try to walk step by step, one foot straight in front of the other, along to the end of the string, still using the opera glasses wrong way about. It is surprising the difficulty the players will experience in preventing themselves from falling over their own feet.

EVER HEARD OF THESE PEOPLE?

May Pole.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' SCHEME.

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FORM **NOW.**
BE IN THE FIRST 50 MEMBERS.

Please enrol me as an Associate Member of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Mr., Mrs. or Miss.....

Address.....

Enclosed £ s. d. to cover membership fees.

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MANCHESTER.

To the Secretary,
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Those wishing to retain copy of BANNER please send details by letter.

A MANCHESTER WEDDING.

An interesting event to Lyceumists in the Manchester and surrounding districts took place on Saturday, August 20th, when the wedding of Miss Margaret Hart to Mr. H. M. Beeston was solemnized at Christ Church, Moss Side, Manchester.

Both parties are well known and active Lyceum and Church workers. Miss Hart is an ex-Conductor and Mr. Beeston, until recently, was Secretary of the Longsight Lyceum. Miss Hart has also acted as adjudicator for the N.E. Cheshire Lyceum District Council. Both are members of the Longsight National Spiritualist Church.

Eighty-five guests assembled at the reception held in the Anson Co-operative Hall following the ceremony.

Included in the many beautiful presents was a standard lamp from the Longsight Lyceum and Church.

All our good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity go to the happy pair.

THE RE-OPENING OF BURNLEY, NORTH STREET, LYCEUM.

The Burnley, North Street Church was, earlier in the year, partly destroyed by fire. After renovations and decorations by Mr. Reuben

Latham, a very well-known Lyceumist, the Church was re-opened on Sunday, August 14th when a Massed Session was held.

There were 150 present, and the Conductors from the Blackburn, Accrington, Great Harwood, Earby Lyceums conducted the Session. One note of sadness was struck when the whole Lyceum stood in memory of Alf Pollard of Burnley. The physical presence was mourned, but the congratulations of all present went out to Mr. Pollard in his transference to a new and broader life.

CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, etc.

Coventry, Broadgate.—Mr. A. H. Swann, 26, Leyland Road, Highlands Estate, Coventry.

Hindley, William St.—Miss Yates, 24, Close Street, Hindley, nr. Wigan, Lancs.

Macclesfield.—Miss Downing, 86, Park Lane, Macclesfield.

Blackpool, Albert Road.—Mr. C. T. Brown, 48, Kingsmede, Marton, Blackpool.

Great Harwood.—Mr. W. Johnson, 43, Clayton Street, Gt. Harwood.

Barnsley, North Pavement.—Miss H. Goodworth, 4, Whitehill Grove, Dodworth Rd., Barnsley

Leeds, Armley.—Mr. W. Wainwright, 54, Rosebank View, Leeds 3.

Birkenhead.—Miss P. Murray, 15, Stuart Road, Hr. Tranmere, Birkenhead.

SONGS FOR USE IN THE LYCEUM SESSION

Lyceum Conductors and Musical Conductors are often on the look out for new songs for use in Lyceum Sessions. Here are a few that have been taken from the "Spiritual Lyre." Tunes for the hymns will be found in the Bristol Tune Book. If your Lyceum or Church has not got a Bristol Tune Book why not order one, NOW, from the Union's office, 3rd Floor, 41, John Dalton Street, Manchester 2. Price, post free 9s.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

WEST. L.M.

Thy name be hallowed evermore;
O God, Thy kingdom come with power.
Thy will be done, and day by day
Give us our daily bread, we pray.

Lord, evermore to us be given
The living bread that came from heaven;
Water of life on us bestow;
Thou art the Source,—the Fountain Thou.

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THE SPIRIT'S BIRTH.

T. L. HARRIS. L.M.

There is no death—'tis but a shade;
Be not of outward loss afraid;
There is no death—it is a birth—
A rising heavenward from the earth.
Sharing that life's unbounded span,
Eternity is thine, O man,
Think of the future as a sphere
Where roses blossom all the year.

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THE MORN OF PEACE.

MRS. COLBORN.

7's and 6's.

The morn of peace is beaming—
Its glory will appear;
Behold its early gleaming,
The day is drawing near;
The spear shall then be broken,
And sheathed the glittering sword—
The olive be the token,
And peace the greeting word.

Yes—yes, the day is breaking,
Far brighter grows its beam.
The nations round are waking,
As from a midnight dream.
They see its radiance shedding,
Where all was dark as night;
'Tis higher—wider speeding—
A boundless flood of light.

THE GREAT TEMPLE.

L.M.

Though wandering in a stranger-land,
Though on the waste no altar stand,
Take comfort, thou art not alone,
While faith has marked thee for her own.

Wouldst thou a temple? Look above—
The heavens stretch over all in love;
A book? for thine evangel scan
The wondrous history of man.

And though no organ-peal be heard,
In harmony the winds are stirred;
And there the morning stars upraise
Their ancient songs of deathless praise.

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THE GUIDING LIGHT.

Words by A. M. REEVES-RYDE.

Tune S.S.103 or S.S.72.

As children of the Father, we come to Thee today,
Our humble prayer to offer, on this our pilgrim
way,

To consecrated service, we pledge our lives to Thee,
Oh make us true disciples, to serve and worship
Thee.

We seek for truth and knowledge, that we may
understand

The greatness of Thy Wisdom throughout
creation's plan

Make us to see Thy beauty in all things near and
far,

The wondrous law of Nature revealed in sun and
star.

May beauty, truth and goodness shine through
each heart and mind,

While treading paths of duty, our happiness to
find.

Ever pressing onward into the paths of right
With service as our motto and love the guiding
light.

Oh may Thy love and wisdom be with us all life
through,

That we may feel Thy Presence so real, so kind
and true.

Give us strength and courage when life's dark
shadows fall,

Just trusting Thee and knowing that Thou art
over all.

S. P. L. LOG.

BY THE RECORDER.

THE CONFERENCE REPORT was most interesting. I am told that the Secretary used more than one pencil to take down the Shorthand notes of same. She certainly deserves congratulating, since it adds pages of history to this Magazine.

AUGUST REPORTS owing to the space required for these reports many of the events taking place at the end of June, July and early August had to be omitted. Amongst these were:—

Hebden Bridge Lyceum Anniversary conducted by that well known medium, Mr. Glover, Botham. Belper Progressive Lyceum's Special Services, conducted by Mr. Keeling.

Crewe's first Anniversary.

The naming service at York of David Whitwam. Special Sessions at Ardwick, Birkenhead, Lancaster, Accrington, North London.

A well organised Field Day by the Leeds Lyceum District Council at which sixteen Lyceums accompanied by two Brass Bands marched through the streets of York.

Special Propaganda Meeting at Kingston Church. Coventry's outing to Kettering. All these events show active service.

MR. RAILTON the newly appointed member of the Management Committee has commenced his services. He is a worker full of energy and has a great interest in the Lyceum Cause. He should be a great asset to the Union. We wish him all success in his new office.

NOT TOO OLD AT 70 is proved by the fact that the Macclesfield Lyceum presented their conductor with a vase of flowers to mark the occasion of her birthday. We also add our greetings to Mrs. Challinor.

A RIDE TO RYDE marked the Annual Outing of the Southampton (Cavendish Grove Lyceum). The fraternal spirit existing between Lyceumists was proved by the way the workers of the Ryde Lyceum entertained their visitors.

MADGE, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Railton, was undoubtedly the centre of attraction at a recent service at the Blackburn Lyceum when named by Mrs. Mills, General Secretary of the Union.

VISITING MANCHESTER, I came across one of the Union's Trustees selling collar studs. Sad as this may sound, it was not too serious, as I learned the profits would be devoted to the Restoration Fund.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES of the Wombwell Lyceum were well supported on July 24th and 25th. Mrs. Webb of Doncaster was the speaker. Her addresses gave the workers much encouragement to carry on their work. The individual efforts of the Lyceumists were much appreciated.

MR. BEN CARTER made good use of quotations from the Lyceum Manual at the Open-air meeting in Hyde Park, London. He certainly proved the value of a Lyceum training.

WEDDING CHIMES at Heaton and Byker on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Gair, asst. conductor, to Miss Kidd, the organist. Mr. Hunter, Life Conductor of the Lyceum conducted the Service, also presented the happy pair with a Westminster Chiming Clock. May each chime of the clock record hours of happiness.

MRS. MEURIG MORRIS the well known medium who is doing so much for the Cause of Spiritualism has shown her interest to the Lyceum Movement by sending a donation to the Restoration Fund. It is gratifying to see such workers taking an interest in our Cause.

TWO SUNDAYS were taken by the Laisterdyke Lyceum for their Anniversary Services. This effort was a brilliant success attended by the Bradford District Council and local Lyceums.

NEW ATTRACTIONS should be the keynote of all sections during the next few months. Reports of your activities will help other sections, please send a monthly report to the Secretary by the 18th of each month.

A PADDLE in the briny at Cleethorpes was enjoyed by old and young when the Attercliffe Lyceumists spent a day there on August 21st. Proceeds from the sale of work done by the Lyceumists helped to pay for the trip.

MIDDLESBROUGH Lyceumists enjoyed their trip on August 1st. Beautiful scenery, glorious weather, and sports helped to make it a Red Letter day.

You may be fond of music but you won't make it by blowing your own trumpet.

Great principles can be shown in the performance of little duties.

Marking time leaves no mark on time.

Always sit on the sunny side of the hill.

Time cannot remove kindly acts from a grateful heart.

Talk of those things that make people better for listening to you.