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## Peace Day Programme

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### Lesson for the Day.

"That good causes start not with communities but their beginnings are found in individuals. How we personally can help forward the good cause of making a practical Brotherhood, which will give us universal peace."

Opening Song, No. 37. "Are we not Brothers all?"

The following Invocation to be repeated. "Our Father God, bless the peacemaker. Send Angels of Love to all those who are rendering peaceful service to humanity. Angel Friends, surround and inspire those who are suffering to-day because of their refusal to kill their fellow men. May the leaders of all countries be constantly aided by the Spirit People to say and do that which will give the greatest good for the greatest number. Show us, Father God, how even we may assist to make a better world for the children of earth. Inspire us with a desire to bring about the realisation of the Brotherhood of Man. Amen.

The Lyceum should then go into group session and the lessons to be taken are as follows. Junior group, ages up to 8 years. The group leaders should get a picture book, borrowed from the Public Library, of the boys and girls of other lands. As the pages are turned over simple explanations of why they dress and look different to English boys and girls should be made. It should then be pointed out that although they have differences of speech, dress, colour, etc., they are like us in having teeth, hair, eyes, nose, mouth, etc., and that there is no real differ-

ence between us. Teach them that they are God's children and all children belong to each other.

Intermediate Group, ages from 9 to 14 years. Study first of all Golden Chain Recitation No. 144. Special emphasis to be laid on the one-ness of

humanity. The class could then very well occupy its time to consider the personal attitude of a Lyceumist when a foreigner is in our company. Courtesy to the opinions of the people of other countries. Outline the difference between races, culture, and continents and why they have arisen. Point out that it is only by listening to their ideas that we will understand them and thus bring about a friendship with all nations.

Senior group, over 14 years of age. Discuss how the individual can best aid the cause of world peace. Mention should be made of the fact that we ought not to let ourselves be blinded into hating any section of humanity. As a noble example of co-operation between individuals of various races none is better than that of the Spirit people in their healing of physical bodies and also minds, regardless of creed, race, or culture.

The work of such well known peace organisations as the Peace Pledge Union, War Resisters' International, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Friends Peace Committee, National Peace Council, League of Nations Union, etc., could be outlined. The lesson could well end with a reference to the wonderful power of prayer for the creation of conditions conducive to peace.

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# WHY I AM A MEDIUM

By DAVID R. S. SMITH, G.N.S.C.

I am a medium for two reasons. Firstly, because mediumship affords me the opportunity of full self-development. Secondly, because mediumship reveals Man's true relationship to life, and reveals a solution to all of life's many and complex problems.

Mediumship has demonstrated the fact that we possess, in addition to our physical body, a spiritual body. This spiritual body we know has a series of sense organs and faculties similar to those of the physical body, the only difference being that they are the channel through which our consciousness is introduced to the Spiritual Universe and its inhabitants. The average individual, being fully absorbed with his physical world, remains, during the whole of their physical life, more or less unaware of the existence of his spiritual body and its possibilities. I, in common with many others, have become conscious, through my association with Spiritualism, that I possess a spiritual body, and can, even during my physical life, awaken the faculties of the spiritual body, and develop its senses. This, to me, is of more importance than the development of the physical faculties. The physical senses and faculties are for this world only; the psychic faculties are for eternity.

The importance of the development of the psychic senses should not be minimised. One would regard with amusement anyone who refused to use their physical sight, hearing, or other senses. Yet this is the attitude adopted by the average individual, including Spiritualists, towards the spiritual senses.

And, if I may be permitted here to strike a note of criticism, this is where Organised Spiritualism errs. They have laid undue stress on the importance of physical mediumship. Physical mediumship in itself is not dependent upon the development and use of the psychic senses, but upon the fact that the physical medium generates in his or her physical body a particular quality of ectoplasm that spirit guides can manipulate and mould manifestations capable of being appreciated by our physical senses.

It is very true that one's own experience through the use of the psychic senses is only of value and

use to the individual himself. But this is equally true of the physical senses. I prefer the development of my own psychic senses because they introduce me to the world of spirit direct, and afford me an opportunity of viewing the environment that will one day be my habitation. They also enable me to contact entities who have a vaster experience of life than myself, and I find they are ever ready and willing to aid in every department of human activity. Their association with us is in the capacity of counsellors and advisers. It is a mistake to assume that all we have to do is idly sit back and leave everything to the 'spirits.' We must perform our earthly tasks to the best of our abilities and when they fail us, then, and then only, do our spirit helpers step in. Our guides make it quite plain that we are spirits here and now, and our purpose in life is to develop our own personality to the fullest extent. This is quite obvious when we realise that one day, when we have discarded the physical body we may be called upon to act in the capacity of being a 'guide' to some medium on earth. If we fail during our earth life to develop our personality, of what use will we be hereafter? This, I trust, will not be regarded as a criticism of "Trance," or negative mediumship. It is not intended as such. I am a trance medium myself and give my guides every opportunity of communicating through me, but they have made it plain that that is no valid reason why I should neglect the full development of my own personality.

I am a medium because mediumship is rational, when allied to reason. It increases and extends the perspective of life. It offers full expression of the 'self.' It brings consolation to the bereaved; health to the diseased; companionship to the lonely. It advocates peace instead of war; love in place of hate.

Finally, mediumship is intensely practical. It offers the medical profession the co-operation of doctors in spirit life who have assuredly a greater knowledge of medicine; the politician the guiding influence of past statesmen; the musician the opportunity of contacting the masters of the past.

And this can be experienced in every aspect of human activity. Who would not be a medium?

Bradford District Committee of Spiritualists and Lyceum District Council.

The Third Annual Re-Union . . .

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# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PAGE.

The writing of a M.C. page at the present time is a task which must necessarily be undertaken with very mixed feelings, for, obviously, in portraying the events of the past few months, we will find our thoughts swaying from doubt to determination; from despondency to inspiration; from something nearing despair to hope and longing for brighter days.

As all those interested in our Movement know, we started the year following our Annual Conference full of serious thought and concern regarding the necessities of our Union. Finance was a subject of grave concern; reconstruction and reform—a bringing up to date of our various departments—was an obvious need. Yet there was ample evidence of reviving enthusiasm and re-awakened interest in practically every part of the country.

Some of the problems that faced the M.C. when they met in July last were—

- (1) A thorough examination of the Union's income and expenditure covering a period of years with a view to finding possible sources of increase in the one and economy in the other.
- (2) Putting into operation the various suggestions voiced in Conference for the reduction in cost and the improvement of THE BANNER.
- (3) Revision of the Education Scheme.
- (4) Consideration of ways and means of putting into practice the four points suggested in the President's Address.

Quite a formidable list when taken in conjunction with the need for carrying on with the usual routine work which constantly demands attention.

The middle of July, however, saw a practical, constructive programme outlined for the tackling of all the problems mentioned.

To the Treasurer and Secretary fell the intricate and arduous task of working out comparative tables of costings, itemised expenditure and income etc. for the past four or five years: THE BANNER was, metaphorically and literally, pulled to pieces and put together again in new form ready for appearance in a new guise in the September issue: The Education Committee made all preliminary arrangements for the launching of their revised scheme: A sub-committee of three members of the M.C., with power to co-opt, was chosen to draw up a scheme for putting into operation the four points outlined in the 1938 Presidential Address.

July and August are always regarded as months when a certain amount of 'marking time' must be done owing to the intervention of the Summer holidays but, each in his or her own way, the

members of the various committees were steadily working for progressive and practical results.

The beginning of September came and the work on THE BANNER was shown in practical form. The work of analysing the financial returns was proceeding steadily. A meeting of the Joint Education Committee had been held followed by a meeting of the B.S.L.U. section and a meeting of the sub-Committee already mentioned (no title, has as yet been given to it) was arranged for Sunday Sept. 18th.

The week-end Sept. 17-18th was one of tragedy for the Education Committee and the sub-committee, for it was not until our arrival at the office on the Saturday afternoon that we received the sad news of the transition, the previous day, of Mrs. L. George, whose invaluable help and co-operation, both as Education Secretary, and sub-committee member, we had relied on to an extent that only her sad passing made us fully realise.

Where we were to turn for her successor seemed, at first, a problem beyond immediate solution and for a while we gave serious contemplation to abandoning the work on the Education scheme at least for the present year.

However, voluntary offers came from two unexpected sources. Unexpected because in both cases the volunteers could have pleaded in all reasonableness that they were already bearing their full burden of Union work apart from heavy and responsible professional and home duties.

Miss G. Halliday offered to act as Education Secretary, and Mrs. M. Grieve to relieve Miss Halliday of the Guild Secretaryship and also to serve on the Education Committee. Both these offers were gladly accepted by the M.C.

We have no wish to coerce candidates into the Education scheme on sentimental grounds, but we do desire to impress on all Lyceumists the example of willing service set by the two workers mentioned and express the hope that a record list of examination entrants will show them that their actions are appreciated.

Yet another problem, a serious one under present circumstances, has claimed the attention of the M.C.

The General Secretary, Mrs. A. Mills, is being compelled for health reasons to take a prolonged rest and the M.C. have been faced with the necessity of arranging for the secretarial duties and editing of THE BANNER to be carried on during her absence.

It has been decided that the President, Mr. J. Slimin, be appointed pro-tem. Secretary and BANNER Editor until the end of February 1939

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## B.S.L.U. EDUCATION PAGE.

Last month you were given details of the new scheme of study, ages for the various examinations, and the standard of marking for all the grades. That page in last month's BANNER was a most valuable one, and I would advise you to take great care of it so that you can refer to it at any time. Better still if you set aside a certain period each day, say half an hour, and read with understanding the part which is applicable to you. When you have learnt your part of the syllabus off by heart turn to the books for study. If you can get one or more friends to join you all the better. Read silently one or more paragraphs, according to the sense of the matter, and then take turns at questioning the others on the subject matter. Fire the questions rapidly at your friends, and have a competition to see which of you can go the longest without being caught out. You will find that this method is good both for questioner and questioned. And, moreover, it is a preparation for the new type of question paper to be set at the next examination.

### Junior Grade.

The books set for this grade are not intended to be read separately, but conjointly. If you turn to the Oral Grade *Reader* you will find on page five a guide to the use of the lessons. Use this guide as it is meant to be used, so that when you are reading question three in the Oral Grade Primer you will also turn to lessons one and twelve in the Oral Grade *Reader*, and study those at the same time. For question two you will read lesson twelve; for question eighteen you will read lesson eight, nine, and ten; and so on for the others given in the list. Don't read too much at once. It is better to read a little and then either question yourself orally, or get someone else to do it. Then you will find out whether you have really understood what you have been reading, or whether you have just been reading words that meant nothing to you.

Of course, when you are reading the poems you will not break those up into parts; but you will read and re-read the whole poem until you can repeat it without any difficulty. The same with the stories. As you read these make mental pictures, and then you will be able to recall these when you are re-telling the story. You know what I mean quite well, for you are quite accustomed to doing it at week-day school. In others words, make a film of the story, and then when you re-tell it, either orally or in writing, you can let the film you have made pass before

your mental eye, and then your re-telling will be splendid.

Then you might ask your Conductor to let you tell one of the stories to the whole Lyceum on Sunday. It will be good practice for you, and preparation for writing it later.

If you immediately plan your studies, and keep to your plan from now to the day of the examination you will be surprised to find how well you are prepared when *the day* comes along. For it is only *regular* training that counts. So set a time for your reading, once a week, or oftener if you can manage it; and don't let anything put you off.

### Lower Middle.

You, who are taking this grade, are older; and so there are more difficult books for study. But the same advice I give to Juniors does for you. Don't study your books haphazardly, but rather make a plan.

When you are reading the *Manual* (remembering to omit Golden Chain Recitations) read Summaries and Glossaries at the same time. By that I mean, when you are reading S.C.R. 66 in the *Manual* turn to page two in Summaries and Glossaries, and there you will find the explanation you are needing; and you are also saved the trouble of looking up in a Dictionary, for the meanings of words and phrases are printed there for you. And likewise for all the other S.C.Rs. and M.Rs. explained in Summaries and Glossaries; though you will always remember to leave out the G.C.Rs.

Persuade your friends of the same age to prepare for the examinations, and then you can form a little study group and help yourself and each other at the same time. For, as I said before and cannot say too often, rapid, quick firing of questions is the best way of making you mentally alert.

Then, later, you will need much practice in writing essays; but your school days are not so far behind that you have forgotten all about essay writing. But more of that another month, and also hints for Upper Middle and Senior Grade people.

### Examination Fees.

There has been some change in the fees for the next examination, so I will give them to you briefly this month, as I have not yet got the particulars. Junior and Lower Middle Grades 6d. per students, Upper Middle Grades 1s. per student, plus 2s. 6d. per Lyceum to cover cost of

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# FANCY BEING SCARED.

“A Short One Act Play”

BY DORIS R. FRUIN.

Maudie and Ivy are friends aged about 14 to 15. Mr. and Mrs. Faith are the parents of Ivy and Eileen who comes back from the Summerland with her teacher Blossom.

*The scene is an ordinary sitting room. No special furniture is necessary—just chairs and a table. The LYCEUM BANNER is lying on the table. Ivy is in the room when Maudie enters.*

MAUDIE (*picking up LYCEUM BANNER*): Hallo Ivy, what in the world's this?

IVY: Why the LYCEUM BANNER—Can't you see the title?

MAUDIE: Of course, I can—but I meant is it a new Film Book or something—may I look through it?

IVY: Go ahead! But it isn't a Film Book at all, it's the magazine of my Sunday School.

MAUDIE: Good Gracious—do you go to Sunday school at your age—what a joke!

IVY: It isn't a little bit funny Maudie—our Sunday school caters for all ages and has amongst its members old people of 90 and tiny tots of 2 or 3—and it keeps them all thinking and happy.

MAUDIE: It sounds interesting and I am sorry I laughed at you, Ivy. Tell me what you learn.

IVY: Well, we learn how to live a good, healthy and happy life—how to see God in Nature and beauty. How to

MAUDIE: (*turning over the pages through the last mark and interrupting*) Oh, it's something about spiritualism—coo, that gives me the creeps!

IVY: Whatever for?

MAUDIE: Well all the dead people being around us all the time!

IVY: But they aren't dead Maudie—they are very beautiful spirits who come and help us. The children who pass over to the other side are taught in schools like our Lyceums.

MAUDIE: Oh I wouldn't be afraid of the children don't think. I wish I could see one.

(*Enter Blossom very quietly*).

BLOSSOM: Perhaps you would let me show you?

MAUDIE: Oh good gracious! Who are you?

IVY: It's a spirit friend.

BLOSSOM: Don't be afraid little one, I am, as our friend has said, a Spirit, and I heard you talking and thought your wish was sincere to see the children. I am one of their teachers.

MAUDIE: You look so kind and sweet—I am ashamed that I was afraid—Please let me see one of the spirit children.

(*Enter Eileen—looking very happy and bright*).

EILEEN: Here I am Maudie. I am Ivy's little sister—do you remember me?

IVY and MAUDIE together: Of course I do—how happy you look!

EILEEN: I am happy. In the Summerland where I live I couldn't help being happy.

IVY: Here comes Mum and Dad—how pleased they will be to see you—although they often do.

(*Enter Mr. and Mrs. Faith*).

MRS. FAITH (*looking around but not at the Spirits*): How bright the room is!

IVY: Can't you see who's here.

MRS. FAITH: Oh! how lovely—Eileen and her Spirit teacher.

MR. FAITH: Well this is beautiful—how are you?

EILEEN: I am getting on fine, Daddy.

MR. FAITH: But what does your teacher say?

BLOSSOM: Yes, she is growing spiritually and mentally, and I hope will one day go to the College of Music for she has a sweet voice.

MRS. FAITH: How lovely! I have heard how we are taught in such Colleges to make glorious music—I am glad Eileen is so musical to make up for her father and I.

MAUDIE: I can't make all this out, Ivy.

IVY: Don't worry Maudie, I'll explain as best I can afterwards.

MAUDIE: Perhaps I can come to the Lyceum to learn.

EILEEN: Yes, yes! Maudie, go to the Lyceum—lots of us children always go every Sunday.

MAUDIE: Shall I see you?

BLOSSOM: No, my dear. You won't always see the spirit children and friends that are around you—but they will be there, and you will feel them near.

MRS. FAITH: I will explain to Maudie about Mediums.

BLOSSOM: Thank you—she will soon understand.

IVY: Are you frightened now, Maudie?

MAUDIE: Of course not. Why this all seems so natural and just as if Eileen and her teacher had come in for a cup of tea.

EILEEN: I like lemonade!

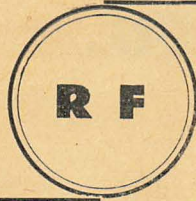
MR. FAITH: You always did, you little scamp!

BLOSSOM: Well I am afraid we must go now. It has been delightful to come and see you and talk to you.

IVY: I am pleased you came, because It has helped to make a new Lyceumist, I hope.

MAUDIE: I'm sure. Thank you so much for coming.

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## RESTORATION FUND.

Last month has shown a more active interest in support of the fund. I would thank all workers who have assisted me in endeavouring to make our Competition a success.

Donations received from District Councils as follows—

	£	s.	d.
Birmingham	2	6	
Bolton	10	0	
Bradford	1	1	
Coventry	3	7	
Leeds	2	9	
London	1	7	6
N.E. Lancashire	2	6	
Manchester	2	6	
Nottingham	3	6	
Sheffield	1	4	2
Southern Counties	10	0	
Tee-Side	4	0	
Total	£4	14	1

PRIZES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO—

- 1st, Cake presented by Miss Pennington; to New Street Lyceum, Barnsley.
- 2nd, Pair of Chair Back Covers by Cousin Doris; to Mrs. Chadwick, Bury.
- 3rd, Tobacco Pouch by Uncle Bert; to Mr. Ford, Wembley Lyceum.

I regret the Holiday Snap Competition has had to be postponed until a later date owing to insufficient entries.

The appeal sent to London Churches to take a Retiring Collection at their services is meeting with favourable consideration by several Church Committees.

- In addition to the £1 from Wembley Church reported last month I have received further donations of £1 1s. from Streatham Church; 10s. • Tottenham (High Road) Church.

Also notice of collection to be taken at the Kingston-on-Thames Church on October 30th.

I appreciate the interest and co-operation Churches are giving to the fund.

I would again appeal to District Councils Secretaries to forward me list of Churches in their districts together with secretaries' names, and addresses of same.

All Lyceumists could also help by sending me the name and address of any friend and worker who they consider would be willing to help the fund, and to whom I could send a personal appeal.

Other donations received, Southend Lyceumist, 1s.; Snappo, 1s.; Harpurhey Lyceum 3s.; Moston Lyceum, 3s. 6d.; (In memory of Mrs. George); Miss Durman, 1s.; Miss Halliday, 10s.; Mr. Fruin, 15s.; Tottenham High Road, Lyceum 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. New, 5s.

Flower Day: Ryde Lyceum, 2s. 6d.; Gateshead, 5s. 6d.;

Weekly Pennies: Clapham Lyceum 6d.

Full Total: £9 2s. 1d.

Lyceums who have not returned their flowers should do so at once, as arrangements are now in hand for the 1939 Founders Day, when Flowers will be sent to each Lyceum.

To make this a great success your Lyceumists can help me with this effort. Even the boys and girls can do their part.

You have all become familiar with the usual flag day boxes used by street collectors. I want every Lyceum to have one or more of these this year so that a collector can stand at your Church door with it. The Union cannot afford to purchase these, but they are so easy to make that I feel sure some of the boys and girls would love to make some for use in your Lyceum.

Just get a suitable size tin, make a small hole in either side for hanging it on tape, and a hole in the top large enough to take half a crown, when this is done paste a piece of white paper round it on which print Lyceum Founders Flower Day.

Then there is another way you can help me. I want a notice painted and placed on every Church Notice Board. Here again boys and girls can help me, let them paint a picture of a Red Geranium at the top of a large piece of white paper under which print: Lyceum Founders Flower Day, January 1939. Please buy a flower.

Please note: In sending donation, Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to The British Spiritualist Lyceum Union, cross = & Co. Address to

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OUR  
**LYCEUM GUILD**

AIMS. To be progressive, To develop ourselves.

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

Dear Guildites,

I little thought a month ago that by this time I should be writing my last BANNER article as Guild Leader. But this is the last time you will read my name at the end of the page, so this is really my "swan song" that you are now reading. Let me tell you how it has happened.

You all know, of course, that we have lost our Education Secretary. When that happened we also learnt that our General Secretary was to be out of the office for quite a long time; and that meant that our Education Committee was cut down to two members, the President and myself. As you will learn elsewhere in this issue the President is to carry on the work of the General Secretary, so that only left myself who was conversant with the work which had already been done this year by the Education Committee. As it is quite impossible for me to do the work of the Education Secretary in addition to that of the Guild Leader and Secretary of the J.E.C. I wrote to the President saying that I was willing to offer my services as Education Secretary, provided I could be released from the office of Guild Leader. I only did this after due consideration of all that was involved, and my decision meant that I allowed my head to decide rather than my heart. For none of you know, though you may be able to guess, what the giving up of this job means to me. Since I was appointed by the 1932 Conference I have been privileged to make the acquaintance of such a large number of you ardent, sincere, hard-working Lyceumists. You have permitted me to share in your joys and your sorrows, to help you find a solution to your everyday problems; and as you have inspired me to further effort I hope I have been able to do the same for you. So, please do not jump to the conclusion that I am at all callous—I feel the break very much indeed—and though I shall miss all the little confidences, which I have held sacred, I shall still have my boxes of Guild treasures. For I have kept all the letters that you have ever sent, and the articles that have been made at your Guild Classes; and when I have my doubting moments I turn to them and new hope is kindled in my breast. But I trust that some of you who have written throughout the years will still write to me as well as to the new Guild Leader; for I am sure she will not think me disloyal in making that request.

So my resignation as Guild Leader was placed before the M.C. at their meeting in October, and accepted; and I was also appointed Education Secretary. From now onwards I shall be urging you to take up the new Education Scheme, and shall have to be quite businesslike and matter of fact.

Mrs. Grieve, of Barrow-in-Furness, was asked to become Guild Leader in my place; and so, at this juncture, I am able to introduce you to your new Leader. You know her quite well, and have often seen her at Conference; so that you should not feel at all shy with her. Give her your support in any new ideas she may have, and let her feel that she has a body of the keenest lyceumists behind her. If she gets as much joy out of the work as I have done she will not feel that she has made any sacrifice. My best wishes to you, Mrs. Grieve!

In future, for particulars of Our Guild, write to **Mrs. D. Grieve, 134, Ainslie St., Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.**

#### Finance.

I must give you the financial statement for the last time. No new members have been enrolled, nor have any subscriptions been received, so that the income has not jumped up. The only expenditure has been postage which amounts to 2s. 9d. for the month, so that the balance in hand, to be handed over to the new Guild Leader is £9 12s. 5½d.

#### Overseas Friends.

This week I received letters from South Africa and Canada. Each of our friends refers to the passing of Mrs. George, and the loss our Movement has sustained; and each sends her sympathies to her dear ones left behind, and love and best wishes to Mrs. George herself.

Mrs. Rushton, of Calgary, is a keen collector of stamps, and, according to her usual custom, encloses quite a good number in her letter to add to our school album. Also, she sent a post-card of Prehistoric Animals from the Natural History Park in Calgary; and this is most useful for History lessons at school. Our Canadian students are not feeling at all happy about the new Education Scheme, for they were working to get the Final Degree of G.N.S.C., and so are disappointed that their plans have gone astray. I am sorry they feel like that, but we must think of the greatest good of the greatest number; and I am sure that those who were at Conference felt that the changes augured good for the Movement.

From South Africa come newspaper cuttings, one describing the burial at sunrise of a Queen-mother, and the other life inside a typical Zulu hut. Again, these are most useful for school, for an actual newspaper cutting is far more real to children than any lecture by a teacher. I am

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## ALIVE, DEAD, OR DYING.

**T**URNING to the Bible we find John the divine summing up the work of the Seven Churches of Asia, and to the Church in Sardis he writes: "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead."

If we consider our own organisation under a review I wonder what would be said of us. True there would be Lyceums and District Councils which would certainly be found very much alive, but unfortunately I am afraid there would be found those also which were either dead or dying.

Is it not mainly due to this cause that your Union has for years had to issue appeal after appeal in order to find the necessary funds to continue to exist?

If we apply this position to the individual surely it would be a shock to the human system if the doctor told you you were dying. However strong our faith may be in the after life, we exist in a material world, and we should at once start considering what provisions we had made for those under our care. Thus such a sentence becomes hurtful to the best of us.

In like manner it must affect any organisation which boasts of its past records, to suddenly find a modern world telling it "That thou liveth, and thou art dead."

In the case of the individual there would be an immediate rush to try every new remedy under the sun, to call in the best known healers, working on the basis that while there's life there's hope.

Your Union to-day is also realising more than ever it has in the past that it is not fully alive to present day requirements. It is not dead, but there is a greater need to-day for a revival in

all District Councils and local Lyceums before the third sentence is passed on to it.

I sometimes feel that a shock would wake us up to our responsibilities and revive the whole movement, while on the other hand, I am inclined to think such a shock would be better avoided. The only way out is for each individual and each section to apply the test of these three questions to their own particular standing.

If fully alive to all the demands of our time, you can afford to rejoice in service.

If already dead, it is possible to rise from this state in newness of life and activity.

If dying, do not delay in finding the remedy which will revive you to a healthy state of life again.

When such a state is brought into being your Union will be in a position to stop its appeals, but until that time arrives there is no alternative except to continue to ask for both your moral and financial support.

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So as to build up a powerful force for world peace each Lyceum is asked to concentrate for one minute at 3 p.m., for a message of unity of purpose to all folk the world over.

The Lyceum should bring the session to a close by the singing of No. 80, and then concluding with the repeating of No. 326.

If it is impossible to hold a Group Session then the Lyceum should take besides the above from the Manual Silver Chain Recitation, No. 9. "The world would be the better for it." Followed by Golden Chain Recitation No. 144. Musical Reading No. 232 "Steps of progress."

The following thoughts on universal peace could be read to the whole Lyceum with advantage.

"No man is perfect, no race of people is absolutely right, no culture is infallible. No man is entirely imperfect, no race of people is always wrong, no culture is worthy of complete denial. It is due to prejudices of ourselves, of our fellows overseas, that we are unable to proceed with the work of building up a real peace edifice. Hate encourages the warping of truth. Ignorance denies the existence of the rights of the people. Once we have ourselves recognised the equality of man—where'er he be—then we take the first step to understanding of the other fellow's problems. That done, then it needs but the application of equality to make the whole world rejoice by the realisation of a real peace. This is part of our task as individuals, it is our duty as a community, it is our repayment for those who have worked so valiantly that we might have peace. Above all it is the way of salvation for posterity. It is our rightful acknowledgement to God that we are His children."

## PROPAGANDA IN DARLINGTON

Under the auspices of the Tees-side L.D.C. an Open Session was held on Sunday, Oct. 9th, in the Co-operative Hall, on the occasion of the visit of the Management Committee to this District.

Mr. J. Slimin, B.S.L.U. President, conducted the Session. Mr. Fruin offered the invocation. The President made reference to the passing of Mrs. George, the Union's Vice-President. A standing vote of sympathy was given.

Mrs. Ainsworth, President of the Tees-side L.D.C., welcomed the M.C. to the district. Doreen Bunter, of Darlington Lyceum, presented flowers. The President suitably replied.

Mr. Burrows conducted S.C.R. No. 4, "The Workers Win." Messrs. Railton, Robson, Fruin, Nellist and Mrs. Ainsworth read the connective readings of M.R. "Natural Worship."

Mr. Nellist conducted marching and Miss Cartwright the callisthenics.

Mr. Mack conducted the G.C.R. "The Word of God."

Knight Adjutant Colbourne, of the E. Cohort, took charge of the Knight Crusaders' share in the programme. Certificates were presented by Lieut.-Commander Fruin and Knight Adjutant Mack.

Mr. Slimin made a presentation for an essay competition to Squadron Leader Brennan, of Hetton-le-Hole.

Knight Adjutant Colbourne presented to the Union's President a cheque for £2. 10s. on behalf of the E. Cohort of the Knight Crusaders; the cheque is to be devoted to any purpose decided upon by the M.C. As the cheque was handed to the Treasurer of the Union by the President, Mr. Burrows replied expressing appreciation of the gesture.

Individual items were given by Lyceumists from Middlesbrough (Grange Road), Redcar, Darlington (Elmfield), West Hartlepool (Charles Street), Hetton-le-Hole.

Greetings were given from Billingham, a Lyceum not yet affiliated, but hoping to be.

The President expressed his personal greetings, and also those of the Vice-President and General Secretary. Other greetings came from the Treasurer; the D. Cohort, 61st Squadron; Liverpool L.D.C.; Runcorn Lyceum; London L.D.C.; Headquarters, Knight Crusaders; Fulham; Plaistow; Blackburn and N.E. Lancashire L.D.C.; North Shields; D.V. of the Tyneside L.D.C.; Guild; Trustees; Halifax; Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.; Tees-side L.D.C.; Northern D.C. of S.N.U.; Wallsend; S.N.U., Ltd.; Darlington

(Elmfield); Hetton-le-Hole; Hetton and District Church; West Hartlepool (Charles Street); West Hartlepool (West Grieve Street); Horden; Middlesbrough (Grange Road); Redcar; 75th Squadron of Knight Crusaders, E. Cohort; Shildon Church and Lyceum; 76th Squadron Knight Crusaders, E. Cohort.

### EVENING MEETING.

Mr. J. Slimin, A.N.S.C. (B.S.L.U. President) occupied the Chair. The meeting opened with the singing of Lyceum Hymn, "The World is Full of Music." Mr. Dawson (Northern District Council, S.N.U.) gave the invocation.

The Chairman expressed his great pleasure in welcoming to the platform "one who takes his part in the civic life of the town, and is not afraid to make known his interest in Spiritualism," in the person of Councillor Hildreth, of Darlington, who was to give a welcome to the members of the M.C.

Councillor Hildreth apologised for not having been present at the Massed Session as he had promised to be, owing to having another engagement. He said that those present had come to the second home of Spiritualism. He could remember as a boy David Richmond, who first visited Keighley and then came to Darlington to live. The second person he could remember was Joseph Dixon, a shoemaker, who became an apostle of David Richmond and subsequently became the President of the first Spiritualist Federation. He also knew well by sight a Mr. Foulkes (a journalist), who was also a very prominent Spiritualist in Darlington. Mr. Dixon used to loan him (Councillor Hildreth) the "Medium and Daybreak," which reported the happenings taking place in many of the 'circles' of that day. Most of the circles took place in mining districts and many remarkable reports were published. Not so many occurred to-day, probably due to the fact that material progress is so rapid that you do not get the same family life. Many changes had taken place. The scientists dealt only with material phenomena, with the exception of William Crookes and Alfred Russell Wallace, who met with ridicule from their fellow scientists. Scientists have changed in their attitude towards Spiritualism, though it is usually called by them "Psychic Phenomena." Councillor Hildreth never believed anything else but that Spiritualism is natural phenomena. It

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is only super-natural when you know nothing about it. "I am the thinker". What a man thinks that is what he is. Adults do not ask sufficiently about life. Twenty shillings in the pound has to be paid in life. Councillor Hildreth had great pleasure in welcoming the gathering to Darlington.

Mr. Railton (Blackburn) took as the title of his address "Religion and the Church." He said that from time immemorial people had attended church. To-day the majority of youths do not think it necessary to go to church at all. Sunday is the only day they have free from work. Religion was eyewash to provide clerics, etc., with stipends. Mr. Railton asked: Do we really go to church to be good?—we do not. The principles of continued existence and personal responsibility did not obtain in Christian Churches. There was a lack of Spirituality. Soviet Russia was a big experiment, but was irreligious, and without religion it was not complete. There is only one course in development. It is not sufficient that we believe certain principles, or that they be true, one must live up to them. There is a crying need for Spiritualism. During the recent crisis people returned to religion with good results. They had progressed spiritually by making use of religion to avert war. Unity is strength where a number of people meet together with the same ideals. Broadcast religion has its good points, but was never entirely satisfactory. In religion we worked for the ultimate good of our fellow men.

Mr. Fruin (London) spoke from the text "Thy Kingdom Come," one that had been known for 2,000 years. Men had been desirous of seeing this kingdom come, but had been looking in the wrong direction. Mr. Fruin said that it would only come on earth when men are ready to receive it. The Lyceum Movement brings joy and happiness. Year after year some of our prominent members passed into spirit. Dad, and Nellie Kitson, Knott, Pa. Knight, and Mrs. George had all entered the greater kingdom. They were working in some direction to bring a revival in the Spiritualist Movement. Mr. Fruin appealed to those present to come along and be pioneers of the future generation. There is the dawn of Peace to-day; we must think peace, act peace. We must let drop all that hatred and thoughts that would prevent peace developing. Boys and girls must have such a foundation that they will become the mediums and workers of to-morrow. We do not want men and women to enter into the silence of their own souls, but we want to stimulate them to work for God and Humanity.

Mr. Robson (North Shields) said that we essentially start out to make children into

thinkers. There were many child minds in adult bodies. You might be apathetic and torpid now, but when you get to the other side you would have to think. Many Spiritualists send their children to orthodox Sunday Schools. What is good enough for the parent, ought to be good enough for their children. We must centre our efforts on the building of character. He invited all adults to the Lyceum. "Do not let the phenomenal side satisfy you, think of being alive after the body is dead." Mr. Robson said that many people stand outside and criticise the work going on within the Lyceum. He invited such people to come inside and put it right.

The President said that he had one thing to add. We had passed through a tremendous crisis. Threat and fear of war had passed from tongue to tongue and mind to mind. Two classes of people had not been considered in all our deliberations: the Spirit people and the young people. We had left them out. It was for the rising generation to think out these things.

Mr. Dawson (N.D.C.) had been thinking about Hanson G. Hey, he had come across an old Plan which bore the motto "Spiritualism, a system of living spiritually." There has been a series of publications in the "Sunday Sun," giving an account of the psychograph. He had sat in circle with Mr. Nixon. The spirit in control of the psychograph was one called Chang. Mr. Dawson had asked "Are you happy." Chang said "Yes, *measurably* happy." He elicited that the governing factor was 'motive' which actuates the mind in working out the things which are said and done.

Mr. Fruin proposed, and Mr. Railton seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the local friends for the very kindly hospitality displayed to the M.C. during their stay at Darlington.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Good-night."

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indeed most grateful to these two friends for the help they give in my daily work.

#### To all of You.

To each Guild member, whether in Spirit or in body, I offer my sincere thanks for all the help that has been given me since 1932, and for all the blessings that have been mine whilst I have attempted to do this work. That you will continue to give that support to Mrs. Grieve is the earnest wish and desire of

GLADYS M. HALLIDAY,  
The Guild Leader.

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MR. FAITH: And I'm glad to see you both—I wish you didn't have to go.

MRS. FAITH: Oh no, I don't think you mean that dear, for you know how near the loved ones are always to us—but it is lovely to see you both and to see how well Eileen is growing up. Good-bye dear.

EILEEN: Not Good-bye, Mummy—just Good-night.

MRS. FAITH: Yes, just Good-night, for you are never very far away.

BLOSSOM: Good-night, all.

EILEEN: Good-night.

ALL: God Bless you. (*Eileen and Blossom exit*).

MAUDIE: How lovely it all was—oh, please tell me more about it. Just fancy me ever being frightened.

IVY: Yes, Maudie, and there is a lot more for you to learn in the Lyceum.

MRS. FAITH: Well there will be a nice little crowd of us next week—Our conductor will be pleased.

IVY: I am so glad—I love to feel I have helped the Lyceum.

MAUDIE: Well, they have a new recruit here all right.

CURTAIN.

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when it is hoped a further announcement regarding the position will be made.

If readers will now turn to the opening paragraph of this 'page' the significance of those opening remarks will be apparent.

Once again we are having to sound the "RALLY" and we hope that on this occasion no Lyceumist will fail to respond.

The question of the continuance or the fall of our Union depends on that response.

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postage and one copy of Results Book. The fee for the Senior Grade is 2s. 6d. per student, and that includes postage, though not a copy of the Results' Book.

Now that you know you can begin at once to save up so that you will be ready when the Fee Form comes to your Lyceum Secretary by the end of this month.

#### Education Secretary.

For all further information, and for solutions to your puzzles (if any) about the Education Scheme

write to the Education Secretary at the address given below. The best way in which to thank Mrs. George for her unceasing labours of the past is to take the examination yourself, and also persuade one other person at least to do the same. Strive to make *your* Lyceum "education conscious," and raise the standard of your general knowledge of Spiritualism by following the outlined courses of studies. Then the Education Committee will realise that your seeming enthusiasm at Conference was not merely froth and bubble, but really deep seated; and they will feel amply repaid for the work they have put in.

#### SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE

ALL the text books needed for the B.S.L.U. Examinations are supplied from the General Offices. Miss G. M. HALLIDAY DOES NOT STOCK OR SELL ANY HANDBOOKS.

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

For all B.S.L.U. Education Handbooks, apply to—THE GENERAL SECRETARY, B.S.L.U. Union, 41, John Dalton Street, Deansgate, Manchester, 2.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE with regard to the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme should be sent (with 1½. stamped addressed envelope for reply) to—

The Secretary, Miss G. M. Halliday, 28 Moorlands Place, Free School Lane, Halifax, Yorks.

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# UNCLE BERT'S LETTER

## FOR HOME AND OVER- SEAS

My dear Boys and Girls,

Since I wrote my last letter to you I have visited the Lyceumists of the Tees-side District.

Of course I expect most of you know where the Tees-side is; the district I visited was Darlington and if you get out your map you will find this town between York and Newcastle.

It was at a session here that boys and girls with their leaders came from many districts, the majority of them in uniform, being Knight Crusaders, they just looked fine.

As I went up to speak to one Squadron, they smartly jumped up to attention and saluted me, which at once conveyed to me that great message "from my heart to yours" and by returning their salute I was one with them for we shared the same ideals. I want them to know I was proud of them for the part they are playing in the work of their Lyceums in this part of the country.

### S.O.S.

Home again, Auntie Ruth and I were sitting listening to the news on the wireless, "It is unusual not to have an S.O.S." said Auntie Ruth.

"It is," said I, "but you have given me a message for my boys and girls."

I at once got a piece of paper and started seeing what messages I could make up out of the letters which might give you a few lessons.

### SEND OUT SCOUTS.

One of my friends wrote to me the other day saying her Lyceum found it hard to get children to join them; perhaps your Lyceum is the same. There is something you can do, become a scout for your Lyceum; it is so easy, all you have to do is to always be on the look out for new members, but of course you must know just what to say to them. Here it is—

### SEE OUR SESSION

You see many of your chums at school have never seen a Lyceum Session, they think it is the same as any other Sunday School; they do not know about the marching and calisthenics, or the individual efforts you give each Sunday. I am sure they would like to feel that they could do this too.

When they ask you what you do why not say

### SEND OUT SUNSHINE

That is what we try and do each week, isn't it, for we all try and make each other happy.

You all know how different it is when the sun shines, we feel so much brighter than we do on a dull rainy day.

Why, we have some budgerigars, and you should just hear them of a morning when I uncover them and the sun shines on them, they sing for all they are worth, so we might ask our friends to come along and learn to

### SING OUR SONGS

For singing is a good tonic, and it is when we are happy that we sing. That reminds me of some of my visits to Wales; here the boys and girls make a special feature of their singing and usually sing their National song for my special benefit.

Singing always adds brightness to the session, so learn some of those happy choruses we have in the Manual and let your friends know how they go. I am sure they will want to sing them too, for we want to

### SEE OTHERS SATISFIED.

So much depends on you boys and girls. It is just how much you do in the Session that counts for there are few Sunday Schools where the children are able to take such an active part as you do. I know your leaders are pleased when you come along with a new recitation, pearl, or solo. So if you are going to be a Lyceum Scout it is up to you to do this; therefore when you hear an S.O.S. on the wireless, although I know we all feel sorry for those it is for, yet remember these lessons, and help to make your Lyceum a real children's corner.

### SERVICE ONLY SUCCEEDS.

To children and older members too, these lessons apply, it is the boys and girls, men and women, who find real happiness by serving others.

I have just received a letter from a friend who has had to give up many of his Lyceum activities for a time; he says half his life seems to be gone, this is because he was always working for the good of the cause, not for himself, but for others.

Yes, the Lyceum is life to us, let us strive to make it all we desire it to be for

**SLACKNESS ONLY STARVES.**

Greetings to all,

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126, Woodlands Road,  
Isleworth, Middx.

UNCLE BERT.

## The Knight Crusaders.

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

### UNDER THE CRUSADING BANNERS.

Will all officers, Crusaders, and Knight Errants over the age of 18 years, who have received training of a medical nature, either with the Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, or similar ambulance units, or in nursing, and who hold certificates or other qualifications, please communicate direct with K.C.H.Q., in London as soon as possible. I would also like to hear from Crusaders who would be interested in taking up a study of ambulance work.

### "E" Cohort Activities.

I wish to take this opportunity to offer further congratulations to Kt. Adjutant A. H. Colbourne for the high standard of efficiency to which he is raising the Squadrons in his command. The smooth operation of a Crusader ceremony during a visit to the M.C. to Darlington on 9th September, has certainly occasioned much favourable comment from visitors, and had a more far reaching effect than was ever anticipated.

The first Crusader naming ceremony took place at Middlesborough Lyceum, under the auspices of the 75th Crusading Squadron. The ceremony was conducted by Staff Ensign (Mrs.) Dinsdale, and a host of Spirit Crusaders, seen by many of those present, brought spiritual gifts to the child, the Cross of Service, the Star of Progress and the Crown of Achievement, endowing him with the spirit name—"Leon." May this flower of chivalry, yet a bud, unfold in the power of spirit guidance, that he may grow up strong and manly, a pillar of the Crusade, to work for the cause of Peace and Brotherhood.

### Annual Christmas Thanksgiving Celebrations.

These will take place on the 17th December, starting at 3 p.m. with the Thanksgiving service, during which the Crusader in Spirit addresses the Knights of the Crusade, and maintaining that contact we deem so essential, between earth and spirit. This will be followed by tea and the performance of K.C. Tonic—which as you may guess is something new and novel *and food*. The Board is hoping that the most strenuous efforts will be made by the Northern and Midland Squadrons to come in force feeling that the sacrifices they may be called upon to make in order to come, will be more than compensated by the value of the service and the banding together under one roof of Knights of the Crusade.

The Board would also be very grateful for the offer of a suitable hall for the occasion, whether the Church or Lyceum so kind as to make the offer has a Squadron or not.

### Efficiency.

For some time past, I have been visiting Squadrons or hearing reports where I have not been able to go myself, and several little birds have whispered into my ear, "What about increasing the compendium" (the compendium being the name we give to a little book containing all our rules, a whole load of advice, and a great deal of training matter) or else "Don't you think it would be a good idea if we altered this or that to break the monotony." Strangely enough, wherever I heard this, I found that they had not explored the existing training matter very much.

Officers had not realised that the value of K.C. work lies mainly in the idea that the training is different from normal and has been very carefully thought out and planned to achieve certain results. Sometimes the objects of certain activities are not obvious, because they are designed from a psychological point of view, other times they are given with a view to some possible contingency of which this is quite a good example. Once upon a time there was a camp—quite a small camp, but as these affairs are opportunities for training not so easily given in town, they are very useful whatever their size. The weather had been wet, and three Crusaders were told to go out and find dry wood and tinder, with which a fire could be made. Now these Crusaders had risen from the wrong side of their blankets that morning, and thought that their officer was "playing about." What was the use, they thought, of looking for wood in wet weather. Dry weather is the time to find dry wood. So they did not bother, sauntering off haphazardly with a don't care. "little black dog" on their shoulders. They had forgotten a certain camp one Easter about two years ago, when a sunny day had changed in a moment to a heavy snow storm, during which the camp fire went out, and there were no primus stoves available to cook by. Everywhere was wet, yet *somebody* went out and procured dry wood and dry bracken and tinder in a few moments, which enabled the fire to be re-lit.

That is an obvious contingency. But thinking a little deeper, by setting at first a seeming impossible task, with the thought lurking behind that there must be some purpose in it, the Crusader starts trying to reason out logically, that if dry wood can exist under such conditions, where will it be? What would tend to keep it dry, and so start a chain of reasoning that can be verified by a diligent search. By training the mind this way,

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

### Halifax and Huddersfield District

Report of Quarterly Meeting held in the Hebden Bridge N.S.C., September 11th, 1938.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Star of Progress." The invocation was given by the Secretary. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. The Correspondence was read and the Secretary instructed as to course of action.

The Financial Statement for the Quarter was given, which showed a balance in hand of £1 9s. 1½d.

The Secretary gave his report of the Annual Conference, also of his visit to Hebden Bridge on the occasion of their anniversary.

The D.V. gave his report on his visits to Sowerby Bridge, St. Peter St. and St. Paul's (Alma St.) Lyceums.

The President reported on the Delegation Pool Scheme which showed a balance of £5 12s. 11d.

The Roll Call was as follows:—Officers 4, Delegates 7, representing 5 Lyceums, Visitors 2, total present 13. The Statistical Returns showed a decrease of 7 on the last quarter.

Adjudication: Resvoted that final arrangements for 1939 adjudication be made at the next quarterly meeting to be held in November.

Mr. Ellis reported that it had been decided to suspend meetings of the Ramsden St. Lyceum until January 1939.

T. ELLIS, *Pres.*

F. NORTH, *Sec.*

### Leeds District

Quarterly Conference held at Castleford, Sept. 17th, Mr. Whitlock presiding. Welcome given by Mrs. Wright, Secretary, Castleford Lyceum. Roll Call: Officers 5; 7 Delegates representing 6 Lyceums; Associates 3, Auditor 1, Fraternal Delegate 1. Total 17.

President's address. In welcoming Officers, Delegates, Associates and friends, said there were many important things to discuss and our Field Day for 1938 would give us all a shock, only 6 Lyceums represented. It was a tragedy. There was certainly something wrong. We want your assistance, assist your officers, give us your support, or you cannot expect great things. As a Council you must decide what has got to be done, and see your officers carry it through. Support your Conference to the full.

Minutes of last conference accepted.

Correspondence: Morley, Queen Street, and Bradford Lyceum Council, after a full discussion on this matter, agree to the wish of Morley. Batley Carr free tickets handed to the Council Fund.

Reports: Fraternal Delegate Meeting, Hemsworth and Ryhill accepted with thanks.

Treasurer's financial statement, Balance brought forward 3s. 4½d., income £1 8s. 2½d. Total £1 11s. 6½d. Expenditure £1 11s. 8d. Deficit 1½d. Interchange Conductor, only 1 received. This created much discussion, suggested why not make interchange with Lyceums in the Bradford district. Auditor, 1 wanted, elected Mr. Buckton, Hull, No. 1.

Field Day Secretary Report: In opening his report, stated one of the causes of such a deficit was that less than 500 attended: in other years 800 or thereabouts.

Auditors reported, found all correct, and advised acceptance, this was agreed to. Agreed the President write letter.

Rowntree's Trust. Agreed all report be accepted. Agreed nomination for D.V. and adjudicator be placed on agenda. Notice of Motion from York: That the Field Day be reorganised and Lyceums be asked to send in suggestions. Associates nil.

Vote of thanks to local friends. President moved our best thanks be accorded to our Castleford friends for their hospitality (agreed). Date and place of next Conference agreed, this be left with Secretary. Wakefield if their New Church is completed. Lyceums represented: Armley, Batley Carr, Castleford, Hull, No. 1, Dewsbury, Wakefield. A. W. HARDING, *Secretary*.

### London District Athletic Club.

The Third Annual Swimming Gala was held at Merlin Street Baths, Holborn, on September 30th. Although the National Crisis was responsible for preventing many supporters from attending, the Competitors did not allow this fact to spoil the event.

Stratford and Kingston Hill Lyceum shared points in winning the Championship Cup, with third. Victor Ludorum Medals were won by Clive Townrow, Manor Park; Joan Wilson, Peckham; Edmund Lindsey, Kingston Hill; Joyce Capper, Stratford; Joe Lindsey, Kingston Hill; Iva Phillips, Stratford. Suitable prizes and certificates being given for other events.

The Tennis Tournament held at Clapham resulted in a win for Mrs. Joyce Capper (Junior), Miss Janet Franklin (Seniors).

### North-East Lancashire District.

The third quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held in the Fleetwood (Oak St.) Lyceum on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 1938, at 3-0 p.m. Tea will be provided by our Fleetwood friends. Will secretaries please note?

M. E. GRIEVE, *Hon. Sec.*

### Sheffield District.

The Sheffield Council met at the Attercliffe N.S.C. on the 25th of September, when it faced an extremely heavy and attractive agenda.

The Council's stock of literature has grown to such an extent that the Executive recommended the appointment of an Agent. Mrs. Le Noury was chosen for the job, by this means we hope to further interest Lyceumists and Lyceums in the desirability of supporting the Union publications.

The Progress Committee, which is responsible for the running of our magazine—the *Lyceum Leader*—also made its contribution to furthering interest. A detailed report was given of the policy to be adopted for the next year, this will, of course, include full support for all District and Union activities.

The Council had before it a sample lesson of a proposed Lyceum Year Book. This matter was discussed and it has now been decided to refer this back to Lyceums in the District for their opinions. The Council have approved of the principle of the Year Book.

A most interesting matter was debated arising out of a letter received suggesting that at the next Union Conference a motion should be adopted approving of the Pacifist attitude. In view of the fact that time element is against this the Council adopted a resolution on the matter and have forwarded to the Management Committee of the Lyceum Union a motion requesting on behalf of the Union that the M.C. should accept this proposition. The proposition would read: "That this Management Committee of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, recognising that there are many members of the Union whose conscience leads them to neither support nor sanction war, places on record that such an attitude is fully in accordance and consistent with the teachings, aims, and objects of this Union."

The Council are planning, along with the Churches District Committee, a Joint Rally on the 19th of November.

JAMES LE NOURY,  
District Secretary.

### INAUGURATION OF MANCHESTER CENTRAL PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM

On October 23rd the Inauguration of the Manchester Central Progressive Lyceum took place at 5, The Parsonage, Deansgate. There were over 230 people present and a very enjoyable session was conducted by our President Mr. J. Slimin of Sunderland. All the Executive of the M. & S.L.D.C. were present and they conducted the readings of the Musical reading while the Silver Chain was conducted by Mr. Slimin. Marching and Calisthenics were conducted by Mrs. J. Taylor and were very well done in the limited space.

Greetings and good wishes were extended from

fourteen Lyceums and two District Councils along with personal greetings from many friends and old Lyceumists. Mrs. George's presence was felt and commented upon by one or two speakers. Mrs. Wright Conductor of the new Lyceum and Mr. Chandley President of the Church thanked all present in a very able manner for the part they had each played in the success of the evening. A great send-off and we hope to live up to it.

M. LAMB, Sec.

### IS THIS A RECORD?

Runcorn Lyceum, with thirty Lyceumists, has obtained the following results this year at four different schools:

Two scholarship winners.

Four top of the class, including one top of the school.

The sexes are evened out.

This is a good record, and we should be pleased to hear of other Lyceumists doing as well, or even better. Send in your records *now*.

### SANTA CLAUS SUNDAY.

For the past two years the Daulby Lyceumists have collected from their homes and from their friends all kinds of dolls and toys for the purpose of distributing them to the sick children in Liverpool Hospitals.

For our first attempt we collected nearly 100 articles—from toy soldiers to a large Baby Doll and were able to take these to two local Hospitals.

Last year we were able to increase our scope to three Hospitals and in 1938 we have high hopes of surpassing all previous records.

We therefore present this idea through the medium of the BANNER to all Lyceums who feel disposed to co-operate with us in this effort. If you feel that you would care to share in giving to sick children a measure of joy please write to the secretary and arrangements will be made for the inclusion of any articles however small.

Are you grateful for the benefit of good health? If so pass your gratitude on to someone who is not so well, and **Do it Now. Christmas is drawing near.**

### SPECIAL REPORT.

NEWCASTLE, RYE HILL LYCEUM.

On September 25th, 1938 we held a Lyceum Rally which was conducted by Mrs. Price. The Lyceums represented were Wallsend and Benwell. Wallsend gave a small sketch entitled "Unity is Strength." Benwell and Rye Hill gave many pearls, recitations and solos. We all had a pleasant time, and the Rally was a great success.

T. BROWN, Secretary.

## S. P. L. LOG.

BY THE RECORDER.

ONCE UPON A TIME living in Blackburn were a number of people young and old who attended the St. Peter's Street Church and Lyceum. Alas some of these either lost interest or found new ones. It was then decided to find the lost sheep, hence 600 invitations were sent out inviting old and new friends to a re-union social. The result: Mr. E. A. Keeling of Liverpool addressed a congregation of some 400 people.

"THE RINGER" by Edgar Wallace is shortly to be presented by the Blackburn Lyceum Dramatic Society. This is surely propaganda worth copying.

A PLAY in a Lyceum Session might have disturbed the thoughts of our grandparents in their Sunday School days, but it certainly provided a fine interlude at the Clapham Lyceum Anniversary Service.

It appealed to the players and listeners and shows signs of what appeals to youth in these days. Modern methods are what we need.

MRS. GRIEVE and Miss HALLIDAY are two workers well-known for the services they have rendered the Cause in the past, but their labours are far from ended for I am told that they are both prepared to assist the Union in new endeavours at a time of need. The whole movement thanks them.

LONDON CHURCHES are showing interest in our Cause by giving donations or taking retiring collections on behalf of the Restoration Fund. Mrs. Fruin, the Restoration Fund Secretary, tells me she is hoping to extend this appeal throughout the whole movement. We wish her continued success.

MOTHERS KEEPING FIT proved this by giving a display of physical exercises, under the direction of "Ballerina" at a recent concert at the Carshalton Lyceum, their children also took part in troupe dancing, etc.

NOT TOO OLD AT FIFTY was demonstrated at a Massed Session held at Darlington Lyceum, where men, women and children joined together in marching and callisthenics, the majority being in Knight Crusaders uniform.

Men of Knight Adj. Colborne type supported by a strong band of workers are doing a great work for the Tee-side district.

UNDER A CONFETTI SHOWER comes the news of the following weddings:

Mr. King and Miss Salter both workers in the Lyceum Movement at Bowes Park and Tottenham High Road.

Mr. R. Munro and Miss May Evans both members of Kingston Hill Lyceum.

The Service was conducted by Mr. Gill, Conductor of Barnsley Lyceum, of which Miss Evans was a member before going to London.

Mr. James Kemp to Miss Mary McKenna, of the Bacup Lyceum. Miss McKenna is Church Lyceum Musical Conductor. Mr. Kemp, Assistant Lyceum Conductor.

The service was conducted by Mr. Harold Greaves.

Mr. Bert Camper, well known Spiritualist speaker, to Miss Gertrude Evans, Secretary of Tottenham and Edmonton Lyceum.

We wish all our friends good luck.

NEW LYCEUMS have been opened at Rayleigh, Essex and Enfield, Middlesex. Both centres are proposing to join the Council at an early date.

SPECIAL SESSIONS conducted by Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, at Sherwood Street, Nottingham, provided the members a happy time on Oct. 9th. Also the return visit of Mr. Johnson and several friends on the 16th added further interest in this Centre.

49th ANNIVERSARY of the Liverpool Daulby Lyceum conducted by Miss Gladys Owen, supported by a keen band of workers resulted in an inspiring Session at which readings were interspersed by efforts by members.

On Oct. 16th a pleasing naming ceremony was conducted by Mr. E. A. Keeling. The occasion being the naming of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw. The baby received the names of "Peter Lloyd", the spirit name being "Victor." We trust Peter will grow up to be a great Lyceumist.

29th ANNIVERSARY services of the Tottenham High Road Lyceum were conducted by Members of the London Lyceum District Council on Oct. 16. Many friends and delegates made these services a happy re-union event.

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when the Crusader grows older, major problems will be approached in the same way, the individual will be self reliant, not from a backwoodsman's point of view, but because he is not confounded with problems as he has learnt that everything, no matter how adverse it may seem, can be brought to a successful conclusion. It will result in a cheerful soul, no matter how trying the circumstances—the birth of the true optimist. It is one very small step in the psychological advancement of the people towards spiritual and mental progress—civilisation, and peace.

F. C. PETZ,  
Knight-Commander.