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29 LYCEUMS SEND A NEW YEAR'S DONATION.

We are glad to record that 29 Lyceums have already sent donations as a Supplementary Fund to the Annual Fees.

The request was circulated asking for a donation equal to half the Annual Fees to further assist the B.S.L.U. to meet current expenses. 26 Lyceums have sent half-fees and three Lyceums have sent the amount they could afford. We tender our hearty and appreciative thanks to the following Lyceums:—

Preston (Moor Lane), Belper, Manor Park, Southend and Westcliff, Cleckheaton, Brighton, Rosyth, Birmingham & District L.D.C., Rugby, Nottingham (Pearsons Buildings), Chester, Great Harwood, Kingston-on-Thames, Blackpool, Idle, Nottingham (Mechanics Hall), Eastleigh, Stockton (Brunswick St.), Runcorn, Wigan, Hackney, Ealing, Exeter, West Stanley, Huddersfield (Ramsden St.), York, Doncaster (Catherine St.), Newton Heath, Tyneside Lyceum.

The total donations received to Jan. 28th, amount to £8 9s. od.

B.S.L.U. CAPITATION FUND.

The loss on the Union's work during the last three years has seriously depleted the funds of the Union. So that we may be able to pay the current expenses during 1929 a resolution was carried unanimously at the Annual Conference:—

"That we ask Lyceums to contribute a capitation of 6d. per head according to the last registration. From Lyceums who cannot comply with this request a less amount will be accepted.

We now make the Appeal to all Lyceumists to assist the Union as far as possible to restore its financial position.

We confidently appeal to Lyceums to enable us to carry on the work of the Union, which is a collective responsibility and credit to all concerned. Do not delay or wait for others, or allow them to do your share. The need is urgent, therefore "let each one do his best."

We have already received 98 donations from Lyceums, and await your financial support.

Previously acknowledged and including donations with 1929 Fees, £100 2s. 8d. Received since Jan. 1st, Sunderland (Derwent St.) 11s. 4d., Gateshead, Rectory Hall (second donation) £1 5s.; Eccles, £1. Total during January, £2 16s. 4d.

B.S.L.U. PATRONS.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL INDIVIDUAL LYCEUMISTS.

Dear Lyceumists,

The B.S.L.U. claims to be a useful Union for the Propagation of religious, scientific, philosophic and moral truth.

The depression of trade in the work-a-day world has decreased the income of the Union.

An appeal has gone to the Lyceums to give whatever additional financial support is possible. We realise

that many Lyceums are unable to support the Union as much as they would like, but we are very grateful for the help which has been given and promised.

This letter is a personal request to every interested Lyceumist—who can afford a donation—to become a Patron of the B.S.L.U. by subscribing at least 2s. 6d. during 1929, to enable the Union to carry on the work without financial loss.

If you are convinced our work is worth encouragement we await your Patronage and thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,

EDITH ELLIOTT, President.

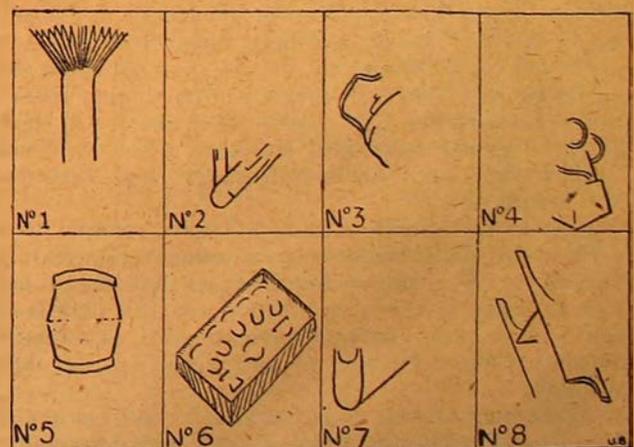
F. G. KNOTT, Gen. Secretary.

There are 99 Patrons and we are pleased to publish the following names of those enrolled since last month—Mr. Joseph Wood, Manchester, No. 1; Mrs. E. Dean, London; Mrs. E. Paling, Beeston; Total to Dec. 31st, 1929, £22 5. 3d. Received during 1930 (to Jan. 28th) 10s. od.

In labouring for our own country on the right principle we labour for humanity. Our country is the fulcrum of the lever we have to wield for the common good. In abandoning that fulcrum, we run the risk of rendering ourselves useless not only to humanity but to our country itself.

The habit of obedience during the early morn of life is very valuable one, and it has been well said that he who has never learnt to obey will never be fit to command.

THE CHILDREN'S PUZZLE.



We hope all young Lyceumists had some presents given to them during Christmas. - In the above picture are a number of toys. The drawings have not been completed. Can you finish them for Uncle Bert, as he is very busy?



My dear Boys and Girls,

What a month January has been. I suppose everyone of you have attended one or more parties, and all of you have had your own Lyceum party and Christmas Tree.

This is where Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I score; our trouble is that we are always unable to accept all the invitations we get.

For instance, my diary shows the following invitations—January 4th, two; 11th, five; 18th, three. February 1st, one; 5th, one; 8th, one. These are Lyceum parties only, and, although I endeavour to defy every kind of superstition which comes into my path, I must confess that in this case thirteen invitations are most unlucky. Unlucky because we cannot attend all of them, and we therefore always have to accept them in the order they are received.

Perhaps some of you will wonder why it is that Auntie Ruth and I get so many invitations, and, although it is very wrong to talk about ourselves, I think I ought to explain. It is like this: In the first place, we have very dainty happytights; of course, that may not be quite the correct way to spell it, but you will understand what it means. We always have at least two slices of bread and butter before tackling the cake department; it always looks better to do this, whether you want to or not. We are always very careful, too, to put the tea through the little hole in the face, provided for that purpose, and not over the table cloth. We are very shy and quiet, and most particular as to what games we play with the kiddies. We do not mind Hiding the Thimble or Hunting the Slipper (providing someone is in it), but when it comes to such suggestions as "Kiss in the Ring" or "Post-man's Knock," we at once both sing in duet or do it in style and say "Oh no, no, no, no, no; not until the lights go out," but still they insist on singing Kiss—once, Kiss—twice, Kiss—three times over. Oh, how jolly; I should have said shocking. You will not wonder when I tell you we always get home early (in the mornings).

Perhaps this month, although I have referred to a spot of this party business being unlucky, I certainly think I get compensation from the fact that there is not enough space in this page to give you full details of our doings at each party we have attended, or I should let the cat out of the bag. "Any excuse is better than nothing."

Apart from all this nonsensical soft stuff, we really have been having some topping times with Lyceumists in several centres.

There are many lessons we might learn from these events. I will try and outline a few of them.

"The desire to create happiness" is the keynote of all. You boys and girls arrive at your halls to find them decorated with flags, paper chains, usually a well-laden Christmas Tree, and tables laid with a plentiful supply of appetising eatables,

This time it has not been the work of the Fairy God-mother or Fairy Queen, but a band of adult workers, who have spent many hours baking, decorating, collecting donations, planning the evening programme and such like. Each one of these workers have but one main idea in their mind; that being to make everyone happy, countless of cost or time expended. Just as the oak tree grows from the tiny acorn and adds branches to its growth as it progresses, so, likewise, the growth of this spirit of happiness grows. Why, as soon as you children enter the hall, you forget all about that dreadful sum you couldn't get right in your homework, or the fact that you had some little task to do which you did not feel very pleased about.

Yes, all your little childhood worries departed, you sit down to a jolly tea, after which you at once join hands in a merry ring game. Laughing, shouting, singing, you have taken up this spirit; you in turn have started to make your chums enjoy the fun.

I often see some of you older boys and girls playing with the tiny tots, which is another example of the same lesson.

To end the evening you give three cheers for the various workers, every word of which comes from the depth of your little hearts.

I hope I have made this lesson simple enough for you all to follow.

Above all, ever remember that if you start to create this Spirit of Happiness, it will grow and extend to others as it travels along.

What a beautiful thought that we can always be striving to make someone who is sad cheerful.

It is just an easy little mission, which those of all ages can start to put into action at once.

Get the spirit of the kiddies, who wanted to see the wheels go round. Set them in motion and see how they run.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:—

No. 142. Progress.

No. 143. Informant.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE.

No. 144. Hidden Rivers.

1. We sell the Best Ham, Especially home cured.
2. Please do not hum, Bertha.
3. This house to let unfurnished.
4. Mother thought rent was too high.
5. When painting keep your eyes ever near your study.
6. Safety needs thought.

No. 145. Jumbled Names of Birds.

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| 1. LAEGNNTGHIH. | 2. RPRWASO. |
| 3. UTHHRS. | 4. GIRLTNAS. |
| 5. RYNACA. | 6. IKRIHESGFN. |

Address your letters and replies to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex.

With love,

Your Loving Friend,

UNCLE BERT.

THE LYCEUM BANNER.

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CALENDAR OF SAINTS (L.M. 145).

By ALFRED KITSON.

In order to help Lyceumists to understand in what way the men and women enumerated in the "Calendar of Saints" have benefitted humanity and helped in the world's progress, to entitle them to be called "Saints," we purpose giving brief sketches of their lives, as space permits, and month by month. We shall take them in their alphabetical order. We feel sure Lyceumists will welcome this added interest to the pages of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Angelo, Buonarrote Michel. The son of a poor gentleman of Florence, was born at Caprese, in 1475. His father apprenticed him, in 1488, to the painter Ghirlandajo. Later, Lorenzo, the Magnificent, took him to his house, where he met the most eminent men of the day, listened to discourses on Plato and poetry, and heard of Greece and Columbus. In Lorenzo's school, which contained a priceless collection of antiques, he found his inspiration, and, getting a block of marble, he struck the FAUN'S MASK, and his first bas-relief, THE BATTLE OF THE CENTAURS. Michel Angelo's name is held in reverence as being one of the world's greatest sculptors, painters, architect, military engineer, poet, the culminating genius of the Renaissance (marking the transition from the Middle Ages to the modern world). He was the first great modern sculptor, inasmuch as he penetrated through the sense of beauty in outward form and contour to the emerging motives of passion and emotion in the human being. Primarily the sculptor, his vision as a painter was expressed by form and line, grand in style. To him the service of beauty was a religion. He impressed his personality on the age, and the influence of his work has been potent to the present day. He died in 1564.

Archimedes (ar-ke-me-des). No. 145. Born at Syracuse, 287 B.C.—d. 212. He was the most famous mathematician of antiquity, intermediate in time between Euclid and Apollonius. Beside making many important discoveries in mechanics and mathematics, he invented numerous mechanical contrivances. The Archimedian Screw still bears its inventor's name. It was first used in Egypt to raise water from a lower to a higher level. He discovered the principle of Hydraulics: "that a body immersed in fluid weighs less than it does in vacuo by the weight of the displaced fluid." The machines he made for showering stones on the Roman ships, and for seizing them and raising them in the air, so terrorised the attacking party in the siege of Syracuse that Marcellus at once stopped his assault. Archimedes was killed in the confusion attendant upon the capture of Syracuse by the Romans.

Aristotle (ar-is-tot'l). No. 145. A Macedonian, born 384 B.C.—died 322. Aristotle is rightly called by Dante "the master of them that know," for he first marked out the path all science was to follow, and first took all knowledge to be his province, although he had little appreciation of mathematical ways of thinking. The profession of medicine was hereditary in his family. At the age of seventeen he came to Athens, then 'the school of Greece,' in search of that wider culture of which Isocrates was then the professor; but it was not in the Academy, the school of Plato, alone that he could find intellectual satisfaction. Plato was then about sixty years old.

Aristotle agreed with Plato in holding that all science is of the 'forme,' the universal element in things; but he would not draw the inference, so natural to a mathematician like Plato, that the 'forms' alone were real, and that the manifold objects of sense only existed. Still less could he follow him in his later reduction of the 'forms' to 'numbers' or mathematical formulæ.

Aristotle was about 37 when Plato died, and, being disappointed at not being chosen head of the Academy, he left Athens. He returned to Athens in 335 B.C.

Like Plato, Aristotle set up a school, a 'gymnasium,' outside the town. This was the Lyceum, once a favourite haunt of Socrates. The school was a society with a regular organisation and a corporate life. Scientific work was done in common, and the results were embodied in courses of lectures which were constantly revised and kept up to date by Aristotle himself. It is these lectures that have come down to us as the works of Aristotle. It is very important, in comparing Aristotle with Plato, to bear in mind that we possess all Plato's literary works and not a word of his lectures in the Academy, while we have only Aristotle's lectures, and no more than scraps of his published writings.

Arkwright, Sir Richard. No. 145. Born at Preston, in 1732, died 1792. He learned the trade of barber and became a dealer in hair, adding to his profits by the invention of a successful hair-dye. About 1767 he began to turn his attention to the invention of a machine or frame for carrying out all the operations of spinning at one time and by one application of force. In 1768 he set up in Preston his first spinning-frame; it consisted principally of two pairs of rollers, the first pair moving slowly in contact, passing the sliver (a continuous strand of loose, untwisted cotton) to a second pair, which revolved with greater velocity, and drew out the cotton to the necessary degree of tenacity. The sliver was then attached to a spindle and fly, whose revolutions twisted the cotton into a thread, and at the same time wound it on a bobbin. By increasing the length of the rollers and number of spindles, a corresponding number of threads could be spun and wound at the same time and by the same motive power. His patent was obtained in 1769, when he set up near Hockley his first mill, driven by horses. In 1771, with two capitalists (Strutt, of Derby, and Need, of Nottingham), he built a mill at Croneford, in Derbyshire, the motive power of which was derived from the river Derwent; and in 1790 he introduced the steam engine into his mills at Nottingham. Arkwright's invention met with intense opposition, one of his factories being destroyed by the mob. He, however, amassed a great fortune and was knighted in 1786.

Aspasia (as-pā-se-a). No. 145. She lived in the fifth century B.C. She was the daughter of *Axiochus*, a native of Miletus, an ancient city of Asia Minor, in Caria, on the Gulf of Latmos. She moved to Athens and became one of the most famous of Greek courtesans, and Pericles lived with her till his death. Aspasia shared to the full the highest culture of the day; popular gossip gave her the credit of much of Pericles' statesmanship. When she was prosecuted for impiety, only his influence procured her acquittal. The best intellects of Athens, including Socrates, seem to have met in her house.

(Sketches of Bacon, Beethoven and Bruno will appear in the March BANNER.)

Lyceum Manual Test, No. 16.

Arranged by J. G. McFARLANE.

A most disappointing month's results after the splendid attempts for December, only 42 entries being submitted for both competitions. One competitor writes to say he was unable to get an extra BANNER as the limited supply taken at his Lyceum was disposed of. A suggestion is also made that where there are several Lyceumists in one family that the whole of their attempts be accepted with one coupon, but I cannot agree to this as one of the objects in mind in setting the tests is to increase BANNER sales. There are doubtless many BANNER readers who do not compete, who would however, for the honour of their Lyceum, be prepared to give their coupons to their more diligent members.

The prize winners in the Junior Test are:—

Helena Tollerton, aged 12, of Liverpool and Claude Reeves, aged 11, of Bath, who both sent in all correct answers, these being as follows:—

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| 1. A. D. | 7. M.A. Kidder. |
| Adams. | S. Anon. |
| 2. M.A.S. | 9. A.A.G. |
| Massey. | 10. W.K. |
| 3. Wallis. | G.E.S. |
| 4. A.D. | 11. Seneca. |
| F.E.H. | 12. Train. |
| 5. Paine. | Ball. |
| 6. M.F. (twice). | Allan. |
| | Howe. |

In the Senior section the prizes are awarded to:—

Helen Jones, aged 16, of Sheffield,
Mr. H. G. Owen, of Liverpool,
Mrs. and Vera Rose, of Southsea,

who each submitted an all correct solution with the line and its author clearly indicated. I have had to give the extra prize, as those who assisted me in the adjudication of all correct attempts, are unable to find any differences in clearness and neatness of the three selected adults, and each of them is equally deserving.

The correct solution is:—

B U S S ■ M A N ■ T R O W
 L ■ I N T O ■ A C R E ■ I
 E A S E ■ S A G ■ I V A N
 S I T A R S ■ A T T E N D
 S D E K E ■ M ■ H E A D S
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 M I E N ■ O U R ■ R I C E
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 N I T H ■ O U R ■ L E A N

The line by Lizzie Dotan being the concluding words in Lyceum Song No. 364, viz., "To bless our sister woman and aid our brother man."

The following deserve Honourable Mention:—
Florence Stuart, Reuben Grice, Dorothy and Gordon Snook, J. Ronaldson, Joan Fraser, Betty Lea, Margaret Greenwood, James Ronaldson, Doris Mayes, John Vincent, Leslie Harper, Mary Sweetman, Mrs. Hinton, Jessie Booth, and Cissie Thurburn.

Test No. 17.

JUNIOR SECTION.

(Age not to exceed 14 years).

Two prizes of half-a-crown for the best boy and best girl.

Where, and what birds are mentioned in the *Manual*?

SENIOR SECTION.

(Open to all Lyceumists over 14).

One prize for best set of answers from any boy or girl between 14 and 21, and one for adults.

Give answers from the *Manual*, with references, to the following questions:—

1. What is the right law in religion?
2. Where are we told to sow by train?
3. What author courageously took his own life?
4. Where is a heavenly Church or Temple mentioned?
5. Where do we read of strong muscles?
6. What are we told to do before tea?
7. What title is said to be the precept taught by angels?
8. Where do you read of tombstones?
9. Where is blushing mentioned?
10. Where do we find reference to imaginary fadeless flowers?
11. Where are you each told to "Be glad to do what you can, and show it"?
12. Where are "kindred bodies" to Lyceums quoted?
13. What is the reward of a good life?
14. Where do we read of the Book of Time?
15. What constitutes wealth in the spirit world?
16. Give one *Manual* quotation from a 4th or 6th century book.
17. What is man's first earth duty?
18. How does man attain greatness?
19. What is the language of the spirit world?
20. Where do we read of the colours of badges and their meanings?

All answers to be sent by February 17th to MR. J. G. McFARLANE, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, accompanied by Test Coupon, No. 17.

TEST COUPON, NO. 17.

Name

Age (if under 21).....

Address

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District Council Reports.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting of the B. & D.L.D.C. will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1930, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all Delegates and Associates please note and endeavour to attend.—D. Straw, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, Feb. 9th, 1930, commencing 10.30 a.m.

Nominations.—President, Mr. Smith; Vice-President, Mr. Ellis; Secretary, Miss Halliday. Only four Lyceums have sent in nomination forms, and one of these is null and void, as permission of people nominated has not been obtained. Please make a special effort to be represented at meeting and instruct delegates *re* voting or nominating. Extra effort is needed or the District Council will die a natural death.

PRESENTATION OF SHIELD AND BELL AT WEST VALE, DEC. 14TH, 1929.

Thanks to the kindness of the friends at West Vale, who placed their room at our disposal, a social evening was held there, under the auspices of the District Council. All Lyceums in the district, with the exception of Sowerby Bridge and Hebden Bridge, were represented, and the two adjudicators, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Wilson, with their wives, were also present.

During the evening various games were indulged in, and the following Lyceumists contributed to our enjoyment:—Miss R. Riley, recitation, and Miss M. Riley, song (Elland); Miss G. Haigh, violin solo, and Miss C. Radcliffe, recitation (Ramsden Street); Miss A. Silkstone and Miss E. Booth, recitations (West Vale); Mr. Dracup, concertina, and Master Dracup, piano (Alma Street).

The President, Mr. W. Burrows, presented the Shield and Bell to the Conductors of Alma Street and Ramsden Street Lyceums, after which the Adjudicators gave a verbatim report of their findings, and advice to the leaders for the improvement of the Lyceums. A very enjoyable evening. G. Halliday, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The General Meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th, at Theaker Lane, Armley, Leeds, at 3-30 p.m.

Agenda:—Opening Exercise, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence, Roll Call. Reports: D.Vs., L.D.C., Treasurer's, Auditors', Field Day Secretary's, Competition (1930), Adjudicator, Associates', Nominations, B.S.L.U. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Auditor.

Election of Officers:—L.L.D.C. President, Vice-President, Treasurer, District Visitor, Secretary, Delegates B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, U.D.C., L.D.C., Open Council, Vote of Thanks to Local Friends, Date of Annual Field Day, Date and Place of next Conference.

Mrs. Riches is the Field Day Secretary for 1930. Address all communications about the Field Day to Mrs. Riches, "Sunville," Carr Lane, Glassholton, Castleford.

PRESENTATION OF SILVER BELL.

The presentation of the Silver Bell took place on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Spen Lane, York. A splendid tea was served by our York friends and enjoyed by all; about 70 sat down to tea. Prior to the presentation of Bell and Certificates, a concert was given by the York friends. Recitations, songs, etc., A little girl of about eight years gave a splendid display of toe dancing. The most important of all to our York friends, young and old, was the splendid trophy, the Silver Bell they had so admirably won. The President, Mr. Heywood (also Conductor of the Lyceum), called upon the Council to proceed with the good work they were there for that day.

The President of the Council, Mr. Tweedale, in his opening remarks, said how glad he was that York had been successful in winning the Bell, and trusted it would serve as an incentive for them to continue their progressive march, and, in handing over the Bell and Certificate to Mr. Heywood, said he trusted they would be successful in winning it on two more successive occasions, and it would then become their own property.

The Conductor, in accepting the Bell on behalf of the Lyceum, deep down in his heart sympathised with the Wakefield friends in losing, but was glad that at last York had been successful, and their Lyceum would try to do their best to retain the trophy for another two years. Dewsbury, who were second, were not represented to receive their Certificate of Merit. Mrs. Exley (Easy Road) received on behalf of Easy Road Lyceum.

The next pleasing feature the President of Council was called upon to do was to present to the Adjudicator for 1929, Miss Hesp, a lovely leather handbag, topped with real lizard skin, in appreciation of service rendered on behalf of the Council as adjudicator. Miss Hesp said, in accepting the gift, she hardly knew what to say, for it took her by surprise. It was something she would always keep as long as she lived.

Mr. Tweedale was supported on the platform by Mr. Hirst (Treasurer) and Secretary.

Messrs. Harding and Tweedale represented Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton (Scarboro'), Mr. Daisley and Miss Towers (Leeds Psycho.), Mrs. Hirst (Birstal), and an old friend in Mrs. Hesp, Mrs. Exley (Easy Road).

It was an enjoyable evening for all.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold its A.G.M. and Election of Officers at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1930, in the Lyceum at Blackburn Spiritual Temple, St. Peter Street, Blackburn.

Tea will be provided by our friends at Blackburn at a nominal charge.

Associates please note the annual fees are now due. The Council fees are also due.

Agenda:—Opening Exercises. *Pro tem* appointments. Minutes of last meeting. Correspondence. Reports: Secretary's Annual, Treasurer's and Balance Sheet, Auditors', Adjudicator, U.D.C., D.V. President's Address. Election of Officers: President, Treasurer, D.Vs. (North and South), Secretary, Auditors, U.D.C. Delegate, Conference Delegate, Recommendation for Area Representative. Open Council. Notices to amend Bye-Laws.

Notices of General Motion. "Re arranging of Council Meetings, and holding one meeting less per year."

Motions arising out of D.C. meeting. Notices of Motion for next meeting. Votes of thanks to (a) Retiring Officers; (b) Local friends. Closing Exercises.—J.S., Sec.

TEESSIDE DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting of this Council will take place at the Horden Lyceum, at 10-30 a.m., on Sunday, 9th Feb., 1930, when a good attendance is requested.

Business includes the Election of Officers and Annual Reports. Lyceums are reminded that the revised Rules come into operation as from the A.G.M.

A paper will be read for discussion at the afternoon session by Mr. Jones (Shildon).—Ed. Nellist, A.N.S.C., Sec.

COVENTRY AND DISTRICT.

The General Meeting of the C.D.L. Council will be held at Broad St. Lyceum on February 8th, at 3-15 p.m. I hope all Delegates and Officers will come along. Mrs. E. Coe, Sec.

Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

Ordinary Intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words, free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted. In Memoriam for any previous year will be charged 1/- for 24 words, and 6d. for additional 9 words. Poetry 6d. per line.

BIRTH.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 1929, at 224, St. Vincent Street, a daughter to Ethel, wife of Norman Ed. Ainley, A.N.S.C., Fowler Street Lyceum Treasurer and Conductor.

IN MEMORIAM.

TEE.—In sweet and tender remembrance of our dear little son, Albert Ernest, who was called to the Summerland, Feb. 7th, 1929, aged three years and eight months.

"If thou hadst asked us we would say
Oh God, we love him, let him stay."

Longsight National Spiritual Progressive Lyceum.

MANCHESTER, Cheetham Hill.—On Dec. 19th one of our Lyceum members, Mrs. A. Irons, passed to spirit life, after long and patient suffering.

OLDHAM, Central.—In loving remembrance of Dorothy Clegg, passed over Jan. 18th, 1923, aged 3 years. Also Harry Porritt Clegg, passed over Sept. 23rd, aged 3 weeks.

"Never forgotten," by their Mother, Father and Auntie Hetty.

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FEBRUARY, 1930.

Our Mutual Aid Bureau.

The Editor has decided to offer the use of a monthly page for the Bureau, partly to ease the strain on the Education Department and partly so that the important issues raised and discussed by student Lyceumists should not detract attention from—or be obscured by—the announcements made by the Education Secretary. It is hoped that all students will take an interest in (if not a part in) the discussions. The first problem (or rather, set of problems) has been set by Mr. Walter Taylor, Hon. Secretary of the Accrington and District Joint Lyceums Committee.

THE PROBLEM.

Here are two points (he writes) which have been discussed in our Education Class without arriving at a satisfactory conclusion:

Firstly, we are told that the spirit body is an exact replica of the physical body; this being so, then we take with us into the Spirit World a replica of all the bodily organs. Now do these organs function in the Spirit World? Have feelings and emotions the same call upon these (shall we say spiritual) organs—and do they respond in the same way as our physical organs do? If so, then what is the nature of the Spirit World? It must be another material world, only with a different kind of matter; and that being the case where do progress and evolution come in? *Secondly*, Mr. A. Wainwright, of Manchester, published his book of Automatic Writings in 1924. In that book, I believe (I have not read it personally) he relates of spirit people, soldiers on horseback, fighting. Now we have got to take these writings as true; can that be so (in your opinion, of course)?

MR. CONNOR OPENS THE DISCUSSION.

These two points are very important, and full discussion of them must not be shirked. But in opening the discussion I want it to be clearly understood that I am not going to attempt to give a finally authoritative answer, nor to claim that what I say is more than my own personal opinion.

Taking the points in their order—*Firstly*, I accept that our spirit body is an exact replica of our physical

body, and that this body, even in the Spirit World with all its organs complete. I also accept that the Spirit World is composed of a number of worlds which is as substantial to spirit bodies as our physical world is to physical bodies. But we must keep in mind that some of our feelings and emotions in the physical world could be more correctly described as mental awareness of the physical reactions of our bodies to physical conditions or happenings in our personal surroundings. For instance, we have a physical body which wears away through being used and has to be rebuilt with fresh bone, nerve, sinews, etc.; and when this rebuilding is *required by the body*, we become aware of its demands by experiencing the feeling of hunger. But the spirit body does not seem to need to be replenished in this way, and so it may be supposed that (at any rate, after some experience of spirit life and conditions) the organs used for eating, digestion, etc., would not make any demands and that in time the feeling of hunger would become unknown and the organs themselves (as the result of disuse) cease to function. Again, the anger we feel at receiving a blow is a reaction to the physical pain experienced, and a spirit body might not react to a similar shock so as to arouse any emotion whatever; in which case there would be no feeling of anger or annoyance and no need for any reaction of any organs. But there are other feelings and emotions, such as desires and longings which are really cravings of our physical bodies (whether restrained by us or not) for some form of gratification: I need not go into details, as various instances known to us all will instantly suggest themselves. Arising as they do in our physical bodies, these need not be present in our spirit bodies, and the organs concerned would then have no feelings or emotions to which they could react. But, of course, if in physical life we encourage these cravings or longings by gratifying them—and by dwelling continually on the pleasures of indulgence—they will unavoidably become part of our mental nature, and in spirit life our minds will still contain these pleasure-images and we shall be tortured by *physical* longings until such time as we shall have learned to conquer them (in the same way, I should imagine, as the pain of his crushed foot is said to torture a man for years after he has had his leg amputated at the knee); but in such cases the inability to obtain any physical gratification would gradually decrease the strength of the longings until at length they would disappear. Until they did, I should be inclined to think that the organs concerned would cause mental suffering to their possessor—but longings for alcohol, tobacco, rich foods, etc., are of such a nature that they depend for their vitality on gratification, and lack of this would weaken and gradually destroy them.

Progression, then, would lie in so disciplining and developing our minds that harmful feelings and emotions and longings would be unable to find a place in our thoughts or amongst our desires, and thus refining our spirit bodies until no sensation from without could arouse any sort of automatic reaction. Evolution would manifest in the unfolding of our spiritual being until our lives would be ruled by the divine love and wisdom that would insist on self-sacrifice instead of self-gratification—and both this progression and this evolution can be successfully begun as well in physical as in spirit life.

Secondly, I do not wish to disparage any automatic

writer in any way, but we cannot be too careful in accepting any automatic writings as being *beyond question* accurate, or reliable, or both. We need to know the mental status, and the knowledge and opinions and early training, of the writer—so as to be able to judge whether the message *could* have been originated (or coloured) by what he knows or thinks. With this proviso, I am not inclined to deny that there may be districts (or conditions) in the Spirit World, wherein could or do take place all that is related by Mr. Wainwright. But my own personal opinion on the matter may be understood when I declare that I would hesitate very long before quoting from any automatic script in authoritative support of a statement about happenings or conditions in the Spirit World.

These are my frank opinions on the points raised, and I look forward to reading the opinions of other students and investigators.

A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C.

OTHER OPINIONS ARE SOUGHT.

It has been suggested that an approach be made to Mr. S. de Brath, Mr. Hannen Swaffer, Mr. G. F. Berry, Mr. E. W. Oaten, Mr. D. Gow, and our own Lyceumists, including Mr. A. Kitson and Mr. J. Tinker, with a view of soliciting their opinions and evidences to guide our readers through their experience of the spirit-body and its functions in relation to the substance of the spirit-world.

Special Reports.

Under this heading, Lyceums whose reports exceed the words allowed in the Table as shown in Rule 3 may have them inserted in full by enclosing 6d. for every extra nine words.

LONDON, Manor Park.—On Dec. 7th our Lyceumists gave a concert which was a great success. Praise is due to all. Songs, dialogues, and a play were rendered and enjoyed by all.—A. Trumble, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—On Jan. 18th we held our Lyceum Children's Party, 75 sitting down to tea and guests numbering over 100. Our lady Conductor presented the prizes, and was given a bouquet of flowers. After, our Musical Conductor, Mr. Rayment, dismantled the giant Christmas Tree which he had provided, everyone receiving a present. Walthamstow's Conductor and friends rendered monologues; others sang. Mr. King kept everyone happy with games. We closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

On Jan. 19th we held a Naming Service. A son of one of our Lyceumists was named Ivan Leonard Peirce, spirit name Torch Bearer. Uncle Bert officiated. Several members of Council were present. Also our old friend, Mr. Clegg. The hall was crowded. It was a most enjoyable and impressive service.—S. Oakley, Sess. Sec.

LONDON, North London.—On Saturday, Jan. 11th, we held our New Year's Party. About forty Lyceumists were served with tea. During the evening the hall was well filled with friends. Amongst the many items was a duet, given by Joyce and Claude Lovack. Mr. Brook presented each child with a gift in quite a novel way; also his nigger friends added greatly to the fun of the evening. Bon-bons, apples and oranges were distributed. The evening was a great success, financially as well as socially. Nellie C. Whorlow, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—Jan. 5th, Election of Officers:—Conductor, Guild Leader and Delegate, Mr. J. Taylor; Assistant Conductor, Miss Stott; Secretary and Assistant Marching Conductor, Mr. Bayliffe; Treasurer, Miss Wilson; Guardian, Miss Bayliffe; Musical Director, Mr. Tomlinson; Assistant, Mr. Mills; Captain of Guards, Mr. Robinson; Librarian, Mr. W. Taylor; 1st Leaders, Dorothy Melling and Ingham Whitehead; 2nd Leaders and Guards, Irene Tyrer and John Frost; Marching Conductor and Delegate, Miss White-

head; Callisthenic Conductor, Miss Tyrer; Sick Committee, Miss Frost and Miss Walmsley; Trustees, Mr. Marks and Mr. Whitehead; Auditors, Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Barlow.

Jan. 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had a son named and was made our youngest member. He was given the earthly name of Donald, and his spiritual name is Loyal. The naming ceremony was conducted by Miss Watson.—R. H. Bayliffe.

NEWCASTLE, Rye Hill.—On Dec. 20th, conducted by Mrs. Price, we held our Lyceum Sunday. The subject of the evening service was entitled "Peace," its purpose and need being ably expressed by the Lyceumists. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Emley, Mrs. Whelans, Miss Nicol, Mr. Nicol and Mr. Merrell.—A. Richardson, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—12th Jan. Anniversary Service held at Grand Hostel, conducted by Mr. Ben Carter (Halifax). Verses of Silver Chain were read by Ida Harris, Leslie Harris, George Underwood and Phyllis Reynolds. Lyceum Banner made and presented by Mr. Carmen (London). Officially unveiled by Mr. R. A. Watson. Record attendance.—A. E. Reynolds.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—Our Lyceumists held their Annual Christmas Tree on Saturday, Dec. 28th, 1929. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The most interesting event for the children was a personal visit of Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to all our junior Lyceumists and our beloved pastor, Mrs. Forrest. After a few well-chosen remarks to everyone, he bade us all good-night, wishing our Lyceum prosperity and progress for 1930.

We held Open Session on Jan. 5th, when we had a most enjoyable afternoon. We had an excellent attendance, which we hope will be continued throughout the year. Songs, recitations, etc., were given by the following—Daisy Knox, Leonard Towns, Hazel Dale, Irene Turner, Olive Forrest, Harry Forrest, Gordon Fairbairn, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss M. Anderson, Mr. H. Forrest, Harry Towns. A duet by Mrs. H. Forrest and Mrs. J. Hargreaves. We extend our greetings to all other Lyceums.—E. Hargreaves, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 5th. Attendance was very good. The Session throughout was most enjoyable. Mr. and Mrs. Longoak, from Lincoln, England, were present. Conductor, Mrs. Burley, gave a few words of encouragement on "Love." Pearls were said by Grace and Margaret Welsh, May Armitt, Grace Cooke, Mollie Waterson, Freda Bosiger, Dolly Sutherland, Evelyn Lindsay, Richard Welsh, James and Alex Lindsay, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Longcake. Songs by Mrs. Welsh and Mr. Pearson. Duets by Dolly Sutherland and May Armitt; Grace Cooke and Grace Welsh; Freda Bosiger and Mollie Waterson; Margaret Welsh and Dolly Sutherland. Marching and callisthenics were very good.

We held our Christmas Tree and Concert on Dec. 28th. Everyone, both young and old, had a good time. Presents were given to all the Lyceumists and every child in the room was given a bag of candy, nuts, orange and apple, by good old Santa Claus. The evening finished up with refreshments and dancing.

Our Lyceum wishes all overseas Lyceums a Bright and Prosperous New Year.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—Dec. 26th, we held our Christmas Party. Songs, recitations and sketches by all Lyceumists. Mr. Kynnersley was Santa Claus and presented presents to all Lyceumists. Selections of handbell ringing by Mr. Gofton, Mr. S. Stratford, Miss Henderson and "Bobby" Stratford. Tea and supper was provided and a jolly time was spent by a large gathering of Lyceumists and friends.

Jan. 10th, Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers:—Mrs. Hall, Conductor; Assistant, Mrs. Hedderley; Treasurer, Mr. S. Stratford; Guardian, Mrs. C. Stratford; Secretary, Miss M. Gardener.—W. Hall, Sec.

Is he not in reality the truest patriot who fills up his station in private life well; he who loves and promotes peace, both public and private—who, knowing his country's prosperity depends much more on its virtues than its arms, resolves that his individual endeavours shall not be wanting to promote this desirable end.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

London Psychic Educational Centre,

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STUDENTS' POSTAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES.

The following letter speaks for itself (the original can be seen):

"... I wish to thank you for all your help.

When I enlisted your aid I was studying for an examination by the National Spiritualist College, and I am pleased to say that I have passed with honours, and I claim that it is in consequence of having your tuition for even so short a period that gave me success."—SIDNEY ALLEN, A.N.S.C.

THREE OTHER PUPILS PASSED THIS YEAR'S S.N.U. EXAMS.

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DEAR LITTLE IMPS.

At last we have our new picture! It has seemed such a long time on the way, so I hope every one likes it very much.

Don't you just love that jolly Imp! It must be a very good story he is telling, for even a perky wee bird and a rabbit with very big ears have stopped to listen. I often wish I could hear what the little wild folks say to each other. It would be great fun to listen to a rabbit telling the bunnies which green leaves are good to eat, or two little birds discussing where to build the new nest. Wouldn't we be surprised if they talked about *us* instead?

Do you like playing pranks on other people? Our story is about a little brown elf who had such fun.

THE MAGIC BASKET.

Little Brown Elf was a basket maker. His clever fingers could plait such wonderful baskets for fairy folk, and his baskets could do such wonderful things for their owners. They would become bigger or smaller just as one wished, and sometimes they could even take one to other places. All these strange things could happen because when each basket was plaited, Little Brown Elf always dipped it into the Magic Pool and then fastened it up in the Wishing Oak tree, before he sold it.

One day, Little Brown Elf made a very special basket. If you put three things in that basket, you found yourself back in bed. If you spilt anything in the basket you found yourself inside a castle. Most dreadful of all, if you put the basket down on the ground you would find yourself climbing up the nearest telegraph pole.

When the basket was ready he put it amongst the baskets in the window of a shop in town. Then that Little Brown Elf changed himself into the basket handle and waited for the fun.

Now dear old Mrs. Cheery needed a new basket. One market day she went into the basket shop to buy one. She looked at ever so many, but was quite sure that the only one that would do was the market basket right in the middle of the shop window. It looked such a *useful* basket, and, having paid for it, Mrs. Cheery went off to finish her shopping. She walked into the grocer's shop and bought a pound of tea, a pot of jam and a tin of custard powder. "Shall I parcel them up for you, ma'am?" said the grocer. "Oh, don't bother, thank you!" said Mrs. Cheery. "I can put them in my basket!"

Mrs. Cheery opened her eyes to find herself *in bed* and all dressed up for going out. "Now that's very queer," she said to herself, "I can't remember coming to bed, and dear, oh, dear, it is dinner time, and I've not a thing ready for my husband." Just then Mr. Cheery came into the house and saw his wife looking very surprised, and no dinner waiting for him. "I'm sorry. I think I must have felt dizzy. I went to the grocer's and then I don't know what happened, until I found myself in bed" she explained.

"Well, well, Mother, you must go to the doctor if this happens again," said Mr. Cheery.

A few weeks later Mrs. Cheery went on the bus to the city. Just outside the city was Dreadnought Castle, where Lord and Lady Greatfolk lived. Now Mrs. Cheery intended to buy some things at the big shops and so she took her basket with her. She bought some silk for a dress, a new pipe for Mr. Cheery and a bag of sweets for the neighbour's children. She was just going back to the bus, when she stumbled and spilt the sweets into her basket.

Lord and Lady Greatfolk were just having tea with their friends, the Duke and Duchess of Ownall, when Mrs. Cheery suddenly appeared beside the tea table. I really do not know who was more surprised. Mrs. Cheery didn't quite know what to do, but she curtseyed quickly and smiled "How do you do?" to the ladies and gentlemen!

Lord and Lady Greatfolk were most indignant. "Madam, how dare you come into my castle? This is outrageous. Butler! send this woman away." A very dignified and solemn butler escorted Mrs. Cheery to the great high road that ran past the castle gate. A very mystified Mrs. Cheery hailed a passing bus and returned home, still holding the basket in her hands.

When she told Mr. Cheery about her adventures he was very worried. "It can't be sunstroke, mother" he said "for it is only February. I wonder if your memory can have caught a cold? On Saturday when you go shopping I think I will come too, and then we can consult a specialist about you." When Saturday came Mr. and Mrs. Cheery went together to town, and of course, Mrs. Cheery took her basket. The doctor was very serious. "Madam, your memory has

indeed caught a cold. Go straight home, stop indoors and keep it quite warm until I call on you."

Mr. and Mrs. Cheery went sadly into town again, bought *seven* different parcels, and spilt nothing into the basket and went to the bus to go home. But Mrs. Cheery was so busy wondering how to keep her memory quite warm that she forgot her basket and left it in the bus shelter. Mr. Cheery returned to town that night to look for it but, the basket had gone, and no one knew where.

Imps, if you *should* find a basket with a brown handle please hand it over to the first policeman you see. Whatever you do, please do be very careful not to put it down on the ground even for one minute. Just think how awful it would be if you suddenly found yourself clinging to the top of a telegraph pole. I'd hate to think you were being laughed at by that Little Brown Elf.

Your loving Imp,

MEG.

Here is a nice letter from a Lyceumist at Reading. Thank you very much Cecilia for writing it to me.

Dear Sister Imp,

On New Year's Day at the Reading Spiritualist Lyceum we had our Christmas Tree. First of all we had a lovely tea. When we had finished we had balloons given us to play with. We had games which lasted for some time, then we had some indoor fireworks which were very pretty. When they were all over we all had three tickets each with numbers on which made lots of fun, for we did not know what we would get from the Christmas Tree, which looked very pretty. Soon after we all had a very nice present from the Lyceum. Our President, Mr. Lawrence, and some more kind friends made up a wireless programme which we all had the pleasure of hearing through a loud speaker. We finished up by having some oranges, and we all sang Auld Lang Syne. Wishing all a Happy New Year.

With love,

CECILIA SEWARD, aged 9.

The S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure to report the following income for December:—

PERSONAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. Coleman, per Mrs. H. Cox, 10s.; Mr. and Mrs. Summersgill, 10s.; Mrs. Stubbs and Sister, £2; T.H.W., 5s.; Johanniner, 10s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown (Hull), £1 1s.; M. H. Newman, 3s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. B. Holden, 10s.; Mrs. R. E. Rice, collected at Wednesday evening Circle, 10s.; Mrs. Crouch, U.S.A., £3.

CHURCHES AND LYCEUMS CONTRIBUTING FOR DECEMBER.

Manchester, Collyhurst, 10s.; Manchester, Harpurhey Church and Lyceum, 5s.; Hounslow, 15s.; Gateshead, Rectory Hall Lyceum, 5s.; Kingston-on-Thames, £2; Nuneaton, £1 1s.; Nottingham, Mechanics' Hall, £2 2s.; West Hartlepool, Musgrave Street, £1; Liverpool, Daulby Hall, £5 10s.; Coventry Broadgate, £1; Parkgate, Ashwood Road, £1 10s.; Whitley Bay Lyceum, 10s.; Attercliffe, £3 3s.; Higher Broughton, 10s.; Crewe, 12s. 6d.; Winchester (2nd donation), 2s.; Darwen Church and Lyceum, £2; Manchester, Central, £8 1s. 6d.; Warrington, £1; Halifax, Queen's Road, £1; East London Association, £1 1s.; Hull, Holborn Hall, £2 2s.; Exeter, Market Hall, £4 1s. 10d.; Churches in Northern District Council Area, per Mr. Todd, £10.; from the Scatcherd Memorial Fund, per Mr. D. Gow, £2 2s.; Wolverhampton, Molyneux Alley, £1 1s.; Eltham Church Sunshine Fund, 10s.; Little Ilford Christian Spiritualists, £1 1s.; Bolton, Bradford Street, £1 5s.; Eltham Lyceum, 5s.; Hanley, £1 1s.; Bournemouth, £11 10s.; Poulton-le-Fylde, special efforts, meeting conducted by Mrs. M. E. Pickles, £2 10s., 2nd donation, per Mr. W. D. Todd, for Churches in Northern District Council, £7 8s. 10d.

Total for Personal and Churches, £88 6s. 2d.

The Committee are truly grateful for all the help received, and wish to thank all the members of the 20 Lyceums who have helped by sending donations during 1929. The aged cannot always assist the young folks, but we can help the aged to live out their lives in comfort and free from care and want. A godly number of them are just able to carry on with the small grant and their old age pension, so we are thankful for all con-

tributions received to help the Committee to carry on. The Fund is still open. The work goes on month by month. So please don't forget to send along your mite.

Yours fraternally,

32b, North Street.

Keighley.

M. L. STAIR.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists All,

By the time you receive this report the great secret of the Mystery Cracker will be out; and you will be glad if, by pulling together on Founder's Day, we realise a substantial addition to the £2,000 fund. I hope to give full particulars next month.

But what a busy time, making and dispatching those Crackers. I wish you could have seen them all together in the varied colours, they were quite an effective display, and I may assure you that, to the three of us engaged in the work, it has been a most happy experience, and, if the desired result is obtained, we shall consider the time well spent and the effort worth while.

To all those who sent their orders along so promptly I am indeed grateful. You will readily see that the contents of the Cracker are saleable and will realise, with a little effort, more than the 1s. 6d. expended. On this ground I feel justified in sending out all the Crackers as far as they will go, if sufficient orders are not to hand to clear the stock at my disposal. In so doing, those districts who probably have not had a supply of the contents, will not, I am sure, object to doing their little bit towards alleviating what would otherwise be a loss to the Union. Such is my faith in the good sense of everybody concerned.

So may we continue pulling together for the ultimate success of our endeavours. I thank you every one.

Contributions this month, which I very gratefully acknowledge, are as follows:—Mr. E. Nellist, sale of Peace Sunday Leaflets, 1s.; Mrs. Calway, Eltham, London, 3s. 6d.; Mr. Musgrove, Blackpool Lyceum, 2s.; Mr. J. R. Frost, Maskell Street Lyceum, Manchester, 1s.; Mrs. Harrison, Grange Road, Middlesbrough, sale of Peace Sunday Leaflets, 4s., and Peace Sunday Collection, 4s.; Mr. P. A. Firth, Armley Lyceum, Leeds, 2s.; Miss Marvin, Nottingham, from sale of late Harwarden Terrace Lyceum stock, £1 2s. 8½d. Total, £2 0s. 2½d.

May I conclude by thanking Lyceumists for their most encouraging letters, which I very much appreciate.

Best wishes, Yours sincerely,

VICTORIA G. RAYNER,

Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

MISS M. E. KITSON, B.A.

A number of Lyceumists have requested photos of Miss Kitson as a memento of her enthusiastic labours for the Education Scheme and her general interest in the B.S.L.U.

To meet this wish we have procured a supply of *REAL PHOTOGRAPHS* and now offer them for sale at 4d. each, or 3s. per dozen, post free.

The proceeds will be given to the Education Department to support the work Miss Kitson loved and carried on so earnestly.

Send your orders and cash to Mr. G. F. Knott, B.S.L.U. Office, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

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EXAMINATION DATES IN 1930.

S.N.U.—INTERMEDIATE, SUBSIDIARY and FINAL—28th
to 31st MARCH.

ENTRANCE—Same dates and times as B.S.L.U.
Grade V.

B.S.L.U.—Sunday, 11th MAY, or (by arrangement
with the Supervisor) the Saturday or Monday
of that week-end.

Entry Forms for the March examinations must be
returned to Mrs. E. Paling not later than 28th Feb-
ruary, and for the May ENTRANCE Examination
not later than the 31st March.

For all the B.S.L.U. examinations, Entry Forms
have been sent out to Lyceum Secretaries, and all
entries must be made on these Forms, and returned
to Mr. Connor not later than the middle of March.
Full instructions will be sent with the Forms.

A price-list of Educational Handbooks, issued by
the B.S.L.U., will be found on the outside back cover
of this issue of the BANNER.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

By the time you read this, Entry Forms for the
Examinations should have been received by all Lyceum
Secretaries. If your Lyceum's Forms have not yet
arrived, draw your Secretary's attention to this state-
ment and ask him to write to Mr. Knott for a supply.
And please make up your mind that when the List of
Candidates is filled in your name will be found amongst
the number. And I would take it as a special favour if
entries could be forwarded at once. The *last date* for
sending in entries has been fixed provisionally in the
middle of March, but there is no good reason why any
Lyceum should wait until then. If there should be any
doubt as to the final number of students, additions can
be made up to the end of March; and if entries come in
early we shall be able to make arrangements without
having to wait until the last minute. Please help us.

WE HOPE FOR RECORD ENTRIES.

We repeat our appeal for a record entry. As the
examinations will not be held until Sunday, 11th May,
and its week-end, there is still plenty of time to make a
start. Any member of a well-conducted Lyceum
should be able to pass Grades I. to III. without much
special preparation, and competent Group Leaders
should find no difficulty with Grade IV. Even Grade
V. could be prepared for with a determined effort by
those who have passed through the other four Grades.

So, if you have not already started, send to Mr. Knott
for the proper Handbooks and make a start at once.
The booklet *How to Prepare for the Examinations*
gives all the hints required for Grades I. to V., and the
Oral Grade Leaflet will enable any adult to prepare at
least a dozen of the Under Twelves for this great
Memorial Effort. Miss Kitson loves the children, and
it is in honour of her memory that we ask their elders to
teach them Spiritualism. They will not be asked to do

any writing. They will only be asked to repeat the
Principles, recite one of the four *Golden* Silver Chains
printed in the *Oral Grade Papers*, and answer six of the
questions set out in the *Primary* *Oral* Chains;
and there is no Entry Fee for the *Primary* Grade, although a
pretty certificate is awarded to every child who obtains
forty or more marks.

So there is no reason why every Lyceumist should not
take a worthy part in our May Examinations. Think it
over.

THE GRADE V. EXAMINATION.

The Grade V. examination will this year be of the
same general nature as last year's, so it would be
advisable for Grade V. students to make as much use as
possible of last year's questions, a set of which can be
obtained (if you send a stamped addressed envelope)
from Mr. Knott. Two papers are set, one on No. 3
Handbook and one to test the student's grasp of the
lessons in *Essays on Reasoning* (in which all the examples
are taken from Spiritualistic Teachings); and in the
August and September, 1929, issues of the BANNER
students are shown how to tackle one question from
each of the papers. It is hoped to print further sample
answers in the April and May issues; and full instruc-
tions as to the syllabus and hints for study are given in
The Grade V. Leaflet. We suggest that students should
send for the Leaflet and sets of Examination Question
Papers, and begin their studies by learning and prac-
tising the answers to these questions. There is still
time to prepare for May.

THE ADVANCED GRADES.

There is yet time to enter for the Graduate Scheme
examinations—as we learn that Mrs. Paling will
accept entries up to the end of February. We are
hoping to hear that our A.N.S.C.'s are entering in force
for the Intermediate Grade, or for whatever Grade they
may have qualified, as it looks bad to see these examina-
tions left to successful Entrance (Church) students. We
Lyceumists have always claimed that ours is an educa-
tional Movement, and it scarcely bears that out to find
that our students are not prepared to take advantage of
the opportunities offered for advanced study of Spirit-
ualism. We ought to be leading, instead of lagging.

OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

We are glad that advantage is being taken of the
Editor's offer of space for the Bureau, and welcome the
problem set by Mr. Walter Taylor, of Accrington.
(See page 22.—EDITOR).

HOW TO TACKLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

The method of tackling these questions has been
explained in the September, 1929, issue of the LYCEUM
BANNER, to which new students are referred for full
details. The question for this month is No. 4 on the
Subsidiary Grade Philosophy paper (on Glover's
Know Your Own Mind) set last March, as published in
the August, 1929, BANNER:

*What have James's Laws of Contiguity, Similarity,
Contrast and Sequence to do with (a) associated ideas, (b)
cultivation of memory, and (c) systematic thinking?*

*Illustrate by "Apperception Masses" drawn from
Spiritualistic experience (which should show the value of
these Laws in building up our philosophy).*

You will note that you are not asked to define or explain James's Laws; so even if you feel inclined to prepare the ground by pointing out that *Contiguity* means *nearness* of ideas (such as boiling water suggesting a fire and a kettle); that *Similarity* means an idea very much like one just brought to our notice (like a piece of scenery reminding us of our childhood homes); that *Contrast* means what we see or hear or experience making us think of something opposite (like the bleakness of Winter making us think of the glory of Autumn); and that *Sequence* means one idea leading to, or logically following or arising from, another (as the study of phenomena leading to ideas of spirit control, spirit communication, spirit communion, continuity of conscious existence, etc.);—even if you feel inclined to show that these big words are really old familiar friends with "fancy" names, don't do it, as you will only be wasting valuable time and, most likely, valuable marks. All you have been asked to do is to show briefly how they may be used for purposes of (a), (b) and (c), and then *illustrate* (not *Prove*) your answer by drawing up apperception masses to show the value of these Laws to the student of Spiritualism. You need not even point out that apperception masses are only groups of associated ideas, built up in the mind of each individual thinker.

So, avoiding all these temptations, you will start off by claiming (a) that we cannot associate ideas in our mind unless we have some other ideas with which we can compare them, and so see whether they are similar or opposite or if they suggest some common idea which will follow from or lead up to them—the ideas being associated in our mind by what we may decide about them after this comparison; (b) that the real test of a good memory is being able to call up facts and ideas as they may be required, and that the best way to cultivate our memory is to get into the habit of thinking carefully over what we wish to remember, and *associating* our facts and ideas (having sorted them out according to similarity, contrast, etc.) with others of the same kind or class, so that they will be available the minute they are needed; and (c) that for systematic thinking we must have our knowledge, our ideas and our opinions well arranged and also have an exact idea of their comparative values: we must know whether the groups of associated ideas agree or contrast, and be able to combine or separate each with or from the others, and to judge whether the new ideas that arise as a result are justified by what we have already decided to accept, and whether they logically follow from these already accepted ideas.

In building up the "illustration" Masses you will keep in mind that apperception is only "the process of receiving new ideas into the mind" and of attaching them to the proper group of associated ideas. Your best basis for a new Mass would be "The study of Phenomena," as on and around that idea you could build the new ideas it would inevitably lead to: the necessity for care in investigation; the sacredness of mediumship; the evidential value of phenomena; the need for careful study and impartial examination of all evidence; the reliability of mediums and the accuracy of spirit communicators. These and many other ideas connected with them you will collect into one group, sort them out, see how they agree or contradict or call for further evidence, and finally give each idea its place and value in your opinion of Spiritualistic Phenomena—

and the resulting group of well-tested and well-sorted ideas will be your Apperception Mass: what you know and understand.

The next Mass follows as a matter of sequence. You will take and examine the knowledge gained about phenomena and try, by the use of James's Laws to find if it evidences any "purpose," and if so whether that purpose is a worthy one. And as by this systematic thinking one decision arises from and confirms or modifies another, you will record that the evident purpose is to remove from Man the dread of death by assuring him of a life hereafter, to make him realise that he is a spirit, to re-unite friends and loved ones, to give a message of love and hope and peace to the world, and to induce us to develop the gifts and qualities that will bring us into certain contact and communion with Spirit Realms. Your decisions will form the Apperception Mass of "The Purpose of Spiritualism," which proves to be a very worthy one.

Sequence again suggests further Masses, such as "The Value of Spiritualism," "The Message of Spiritualism," "The Goal of Spiritualism," and so on by easy stages to "The Religion of Spiritualism." You will not be expected to give fully detailed Masses with such a short time at your disposal—all that could be expected would be an indication of the basic idea and the ideas it would suggest or attract, put down in such a way as to show the value and benefit of using James's Laws in our study of Spiritualism and its philosophy.

Now have a try at the other questions on this paper (you can get a full set of Intermediate or Subsidiary Grade Question Papers from Mrs. Paling for 1½d. post free), tackling them as you tackled this one, and looking up your text-book *before and after* doing each answer.

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BARNOLDSWICK CENTRAL.—Election of Officers, Dec. 20th. Greetings to all Lyceumists for 1930 everywhere. A Concert was held on Jan. 4th with great success. Albert Bulcock, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Jan. 5th. Open Session and Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. Thompson; Assist. Conductor, Mr. Taylor; Secretary, Miss D. Dunn; Assist. Mrs. Harding; Treasurer, Mr. Edwards; Musical Conductors, Elsie Thompson and Mr. Whiteley; Marching Conductor, Mr. Taylor; Callisthenics, Albert Thompson; Guardian, Thomas Saul; Guards, William Saul, A. Thompson, Eileen Edwards, Lillian Harding; 5 solos, 11 recitations, 5 pearls.

At our 18th Lyceum Tea-Party and Prize Distribution our Church President, Mr. Roberts, kindly presented the prizes to the children.—E.T.

CALGARY.—On Dec. 27th we held our Xmas Party with a good attendance of Lyceumists and Church Members. The Church was decorated with Christmas colours and tinsel. The Lyceum, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Parkyn and others, gave a good programme. Santa Claus was heartily welcomed and presented each Lyceumist with a gift. Games, songs and recitations was the order of the evening. Bags of candy, etc., were distributed. After a bullet supper the children went home with gladness in their hearts for such a good time.

On Dec. 29th we held our Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. C. Adam; Vice-Conductors, Mrs. Ada Garrad, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Parkyn, Mrs. Rushton and Rev. A. Eshelby. Guardian, Miss M. Dams; Vice, Miss L. Yoxall; Secretary, Mrs. H. Thomson; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Parkyn; Physical Director, Mrs. Ada Garrad, Vice, Mr. V. Dams; Librarian, Mr. Robinson, Vice, Mrs. Ada Garrad; Captain of Guards, Mr. R. Robinson; Auditors, Mr. R. Robinson and Mrs. R. H. Parkyn. All the Officers gave good reports of all departments.—E. Rushton, Sec. (1929).

In spite of the 20 below zero weather a very successful meeting was held the first Sunday of the New Year in our Lyceum. Mrs. Garrad, acting as Conductor, and Open Session was held. Everyone gave a pearl. Readings were given by Vivian Mattison, Geo. and Jas. Brown, and Mrs. Thomson. Solo by Miss Ada M. Garrad. Two musical numbers were given by the Lyceumists from the Manual under the leadership of Mrs. Parkyn, our Musical Director.

The boys, Raymond Parkyn, Geo. Brown, Jas. Brown, and Victor Dams, took the connective readings in the musical reading.

The marching and callisthenics were excellent under the leadership of Mrs. G. H. Garrad, and her assistant, Victor Dams. Success to all Lyceums in 1930.—H. E. Thomson, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Jan. 18th we held a social and presentation of the shield. Mr. Batley, presented it to Miss Jenkinson, the Conductor, Miss G. Walker, assistant, and Joyce Blackledge, the youngest Lyceumist. Darwen held the premier position with 131 marks. Preston was next with 130½. Mr. Batley played for dancing and Marjorie Kendall sang "Slumber Town."—Mrs. A. Lowe, Sec.

EASTWOOD.—Jan. 5th. Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. Slater; Assistant Conductors, Mr. Eric Sisson, J. Walker, G. Blagg, C. Barnes, L. Orrell, Mrs. Price, Miss L. Wing, A. Price, and G. Allen. Captain of Guards, J. Walker, jun.; Guards, N. and J. Jennings; Organist, Miss A. Price; Assistant Organists, Mr. E. Sisson, Miss V. Sisson, G. Price, Master N. Severn and L. Henshaw. Marching Leaders, J. Naylor, G. Blagg, J. Walker, sen., Miss L. Wing, V. Sisson, C. Allen. Treasurer, Miss L. Wing. Secretary, Mr. C. Barnes; Auditors, Mr. Slater and Mr. Eric Sisson; Lyceum Council representatives, Mr. L. Orrell and Miss A. Price.—C. Barnes, Sec.

HULL, Holborn Hall.—Annual Meeting 19th Jan. The

following were elected.—Conductor, Mr. Foster; Guardian of Groups, Mr. F. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. A. Buckton; Treasurer, Mrs. Hart; Musical Conductors, Miss Downish and Miss Parker; Captain of Guards, Miss Smith; Librarian, Miss Craft; Auditors, Mrs. Foster and Miss Cook. Leader of Liberty Group the Conductor.—J. A. Buckton, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—In the first Open Session of 1930 may be taken as an example of what is to follow we are in for a better time than we have lately experienced. The following young Lyceumists gave willingly to the enjoyment of the hour. Recitations by V. Harrison, E. Stephenson, D. Bleasdale, M. Bleasdale, and L. Partridge. There was a pianoforte solo by N. Baines; a duet by D. Baines and D. Kirk; and a quartette by N. Wilson, J. Thompson, J. Slack and E. Dawson. Marion Swale, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—We held our Annual Christmas Party on Sat., Jan. 11th. Invitations were given to our Church Committee and to two Delegates from the L.L.D.C. Mr. and Mrs. Bell accepted. After a splendid tea there were songs, games, recitations, dancing and musical items. Presents from the free were handed to the members by Mrs. Bell. The evening closed with the joining of hands and singing of Auld Lang Syne.—Miss H. Banfield.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session Jan. 5th, conducted by Mr. Bates. A good session with items by Lila Simms, June Bates, Molly Stoffer, Betty Houghton, and Doreen Walters. Mrs. Chapman gave the special address which was enjoyed by all. A Guild has been formed which has been received enthusiastically and all are preparing for the Anniversary celebrations on Jan. 26th.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—We had our Annual Xmas Party on Dec. 28th. A very delightful time was spent by young and old. After a good tea games were played until the arrival of Father Christmas (Stanley Royle). The little ones did clap when a present for every Lyceumist, young and old, was taken from the Xmas tree and presented to each one. After the infants had departed the elder ones settled down to a dance which was very enjoyable. Mrs. Henshaw received a well deserved encore for her song. All the presents were given by the Leaders and members of the Church. A real joy was the verdict of all.—Hannah Rushton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Longsight N.S.C.L.—Dec. 22nd. Election of Officers. Conductor, Miss G. Entwistle; Secretary, Mr. W. W. Ely; Treasurer, Mr. Entwistle; Guardian of Groups, Mr. Wolstencroft; Librarian, Miss M. Tee; Musical Director, Kenneth Lee; Captain of Guards, Mr. Lowe; Guards, D. Halliday and A. Wolstencroft; Leaders, Irene Wrigley, Annie Armstrong, Will Templehead and W. Denny. Marching Conductor, J. Halliday; Assistant Conductor, Nellie Ogden; Assistant Secretary, T. Lees; Delegates, Mr. W. W. Ely and Miss G. Entwistle; Executive Members, Mrs. Tee and Mr. Savage; Auditor, Mr. T. Lees. Caterer, Mrs. Read.

OLDHAM, Central.—Jan. 5th we held our Gentlemen's Day. Speakers, Mr. Standish and Mr. Newton. Solo by Mr. Froggatt.

Jan. 11th. Children's Tea-Party and Prize Distribution.

Jan. 12th. Open Session all day. Well attended.

Jan. 19th. Our President, Mr. Standish, had the naming of the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fox, two old Lyceumists. Earthly name, Joyce Fox. Spiritual name, "Joy."—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

RADCLIFFE.—New Officers for 1930. Conductor, Mr. E. Grimshaw; Marching Conductor, Mr. E. Pilling; Callisthenics Conductor, Miss E. Grimshaw; Delegates, Mrs. Entwistle and Miss H. Charney; Secretary, Mr. W. Scholes.

ROTHERHAM, Percy St.—Jan. 5th. Election of Officers; Conductor, Miss I. Maude; Secretary, Mr. Lambeth; Treasurer, Mrs. Hempell; Musical Director, Miss M. Hempell; Assist. Conductor, Miss J. Maude; Guards, Mr. Maude; Marching Conductor, Miss A. Hollis.—A. Hollis, Min. Sec.

RUGBY.—Jan. 11th. The Annual Tea Party was appreciated. Each Lyceumist received a gift.

Jan. 19th. Anniversary Service. Lyceumists' efforts with pearls, recitations and solos were excellent. Speaker, Mrs. Hutchinson, of Coventry.—E. Weller, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe. We held an Open Session on Jan. 5th. We had the Sheffield District Committee visiting us. The Session was conducted by Mr. Armitage. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Individual efforts were good. All enjoyed the Session.—E. Johnson, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—Open Session Jan. 5th. A small number of pearls. Recitations by Fountain Group, Kenneth Sidebotham and Marcel Bramley. Duets by Marcel Bramley and Edna Sidebotham; R. Ruddock and J. Crawford. We had some new scholars on Jan. 12th to start the New Year. Song by Beacon Group. The marching and callisthenics helped to make an enjoyable Session.—J. Crawford, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—Open Session, Jan. 12th. S.C., Miss Tabiner; G.C., Miss W. White; recitations by William C. Lively; solos by Nora Godden and Mrs. Taylor; trio by E. Bartlett, K. Linn, J. Bradshaw. A pleasant time was spent.—Miss F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—Massed Session, Jan. 5th, conducted by Mr. T. Fazackerley, assisted by Miss L. Kenniford, Musical Director, Mr. L. Crossley. Recitations by N. Laycock, P. Glover, S. Laycock, P. Laycock, Mrs. Glover, Mr. Shuttleworth and Mr. W. Taylor; solos by Mrs. Glover, Miss R. Swift, N. Laycock, Miss Ivy Shuttleworth and W. Crabtree; trios by Misses Swift; N. Laycock, P. Glover and P. Laycock. An enjoyable session was spent and we thank all who helped to make it a success.—A. Laycock, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—Dec. 29th we held our usual Open Session. Recitations were rendered by F. Holding, C. Raifon, C. Walley, L. Slater and Mrs. Lighthown; solos by Miss E. Hopper and Mrs. Hall; piano and violin duet by A. and F. Lancaster. A good session, enjoyed by all, ably conducted by Mr. W. E. Mason. Our speakers for the day were Mr. C. Moorey and Mr. Tom Wood. About 130 were present.

On Jan. 12th Mrs. J. B. Battersby named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves.—T. Wood, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterlyke.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 5th, and it was most interesting. The readings were well gone through. Marching and callisthenics were good, seeing that we had new leaders. Recitations, songs, solos, duets and pearls were well rendered by various Lyceumists.—James Babbs, Sec.

BRISTOL, Providence Hall.—The highly successful Christmas Tree was displayed on Dec. 28th. After a good tea and an evening of games, Santa Claus and a Fairy gave each Lyceumist a present.

Jan. 5th was Prize Day. The Leader distributed the prizes and three special merit prizes to Mary O'Connor, J. Garadine (junior) and Mattie Beard, the latter for being only once absent in seven years. At the annual meeting on Jan. 12th the Lyceum unanimously re-elected the Leader, Secretary and Treasurer.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, Jan. 5th, conducted by Mr. T. Brooke. Pearls were given by E. Rowley, G. Hutton, Miss Walker, Miss Wilson, E. Scholes, Mr. Wright, Mr. Brooke, recitations by Joyce Sharp, E. Rowley and B. Wilson; duet by two of our young scholars. Miss Lambert was our speaker for the day and she said a few words of encouragement to our children. Miss Robinson was the pianist. We had quite an enjoyable session.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

CROYDON, Katherine Street.—On Saturday, Jan. 11th, we held the third of a series of Whist Drives and Dances, which we hold on the second Saturday of each month. The evening was much enjoyed by everyone. Visitors will be heartily welcomed to these evenings.

Our Annual Party was held on Saturday, 22nd Dec. Prizes were distributed to Lyceumists. Games, competitions and dancing made the time seem all too short.—M. Hall.

DEWSBURY.—On Christmas Eve Father Christmas visited the Lyceum, which was well attended by visitors and friends. The children enjoyed themselves and when Father Christmas came they shouted with joy. The Secretary wishes to thank all who took part and helped.

Dec. 20th, Open Session. Mr. N. Greenwood was Conductor. Election of Officers.—Conductors, Mr. J. H. Collier, Mr. L. Bland, Mr. C. Phillips; Secretary, Mr. V. R. Phillips; Treasurer, Mr. L. Bland; Musical Director, Mr. J. Whittles; Delegate, Mr. G. Peel; Drill Instructor, Victor Hartley; Guardians, Phyllis Dunn, Clarissa Phillips, Elsie Roebuck, Violet Hey; Guardians, Florence Phillips, Gerald Hey (Captain), William Newby; Registrars, Mr. V. Phillips and Mrs. N. Greenwood; Auditors, Mr. J. Whittles and Mr. N. Greenwood; Teachers of Groups, Miss W. Hartley, Miss N. Whitworth; Grade Teachers, Miss A. Bentley, Miss M. Hirst, Mrs. W. Hey, Mr. E. Wilson, Mr. J. H. Collier. A vote of thanks was given to retiring officers. Six pearls; recitations by Cyril Hey and a visitor; solo by Mr. L. Bland; duets by Mona Hey and Clarissa Phillips; Phyllis Dunn and Florence Phillips. A grand day was spent by all.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

EARBY.—Open Session, Jan. 12th, conducted by Miss M. Astley. Recitations by E. Clarke, D. Seddon, J. Sprout, N. Hodgkinson, O. Wilkin, E. Fox, W. Hancock, R. Clough. Hymns were sung by different groups.

On Jan. 10th we held our Annual Prize Distribution when

Mrs. Garlick, of Rochdale, was our speaker. We had visitors from Burnley (North Street), Burnley (Hamerton Street), Brierfield, Barnoldswick (West End), Barnoldswick (Albert Road). We had a real good time together, which was enjoyed by all.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, Jan. 5th. There was a grand attendance and the following items were greatly appreciated.—Recitations by Ruth and Dorothy Harris, Kathleen and Mona Hague, Doris Parkinson, Violet Forshaw, Minnie Wright and Gladys Amisworth; solos by Lily Frith, Edith Richardson, Phyllis Jordan, Irene Watkins and Mrs. Parkinson; duet by Ruth Harris and Mona Hague; pianoforte solo by Mr. Batley. We had a very good, happy session.

We held our Christmas Party on New Year's Day, and it was a great success. About 130 sat down to a good tea. The rest of the evening was given to dancing, games, etc., when time for home came each Lyceumist, tired but happy, was given oranges and sweets.—Mrs. L. Vollans, Sec.

HORWICH.—Election of Officers.—Conductor, Mrs. Tildesley; Assistant, Miss L. Beck; Secretary, Geo. Taylor; Assistant, Robert Sherrington; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Gregson; Guardians, Mr. Walsh and Harold Taylor; Auditors, J. Sherrington, Mr. Leach; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Mr. Leach; Assistant, J. Wilkes; Musical Director, Miss D. Ward; Assistant, Tom Barnes; Delegate to B.L.D.C., Miss Butterfield and Mr. F. Jones; Girls' Leader, Nellie Roberts; Joyce Edwards, Annie Crooks, Gertrude Edwards, Jean Goff, Rita Giles, Nellie Holmes, Rose Preston; Boys' Leaders, A. Heath, Joe Goff, F. Heath, D. Tweet, Tom Barnes, Robert Monks, James Goff, Collin Preston. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all retiring officers.—Geo. Taylor, Sec.

HYDE, George Street.—On Christmas Eve we held our Annual Gathering for Lyceum children and friends, when Santa Claus paid us a visit and gave each Lyceumist a present. A little play was given by the children very successfully.

On Saturday, Dec. 28th, our Annual Tea Party took place, when nearly 100 sat down to a very nice tea, after which a social was held, when songs, recitations, were given, and games and dancing indulged in freely.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session, Jan. 5th. A great success. Pearls and individual efforts were very good. Recitations by Joyce Beck, Betty Crossley, Elsie Garrett, Lily Jayes and Elsie Clements; duets by Yvonne de Houx and Ethel Gamble, Lavinia Garrett and Doris Jayes; songs by Betty Crossley, Miss Vann. We were pleased to welcome two of our old Lyceumists, Mrs. Watts and Mr. Wheatley.—Margaret E. Vann, Sec.

LONDON, Clapham.—During the afternoon and evening of Jan. 4th, much enjoyment was afforded to about a dozen of the local Lyceumists, when they were entertained at a Christmas Party, given at her own house, by one of our adult Lyceumists. The party opened with games, enjoyed by both the children playing and the adults organising them. Tea, and the table, with its many coloured crackers and dishes of cakes, tarts, etc., was indeed a feast for the eyes, but, of course, children look for something more than a feast for the eyes, and their hopes were certainly realised to the full; they themselves proved this by doing justice to the liberal spread placed at their disposal. Following tea more games were played, and individual songs, recitations, dances and pianoforte solos were given; then more cats! The evening was brought to a reluctant close, well past normal bedtime, with community singing, the proverbial orange being given to each of the happy little merry-makers.—P. Lewis.

MANCHESTER, Progressive.—Jan. 7th, Election of Officers.—Conductor, Miss Scott; Secretary, Miss E. Jackson; Treasurer, Mr. J. Street; Assistant Conductor, Mr. A. Henshaw; Musical Conductor, Mr. Swindells; Assistant Musical Conductor, Mr. H. Vernon; Guardian, Mr. Cross; Marching Conductor, Mr. Cross; Assistant Marching Conductor, Mr. Henshaw; Marching Leaders, E. Bell and R. Bracewell; Callisthenics Leader, Miss M. Bell; Council Delegates, Mr. Swindells, Mr. G. Dixon; Conference Delegates, Mr. Swindells, Mr. A. Henshaw; Auditors, Mr. H. Vernon and Mr. A. Henshaw; Librarians, L. Ward and R. Frost; Group Leader, Mr. W. E. Bentley.

On Saturday, Jan. 4th, we held our Annual Party, which was a great success, about 200 Lyceumists and friends being present. Prizes were distributed by Mr. Batley, of Fleetwood, in a very pleasing manner. Sketches were given by Lyceumists and enjoyed by all present.—E. Jackson, Sec.

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 D † Halifax, Queen's Rd., 10 and 1-30. Miss K. Harris, 2, Green Square, Pelton, Halifax.
 D † Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 1-45. Mr. P. Linney, Glengarth, Stocks Avenue, Mytholmroyd.
 D † Huddersfield, Ramsden St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Scal, 31, Midland St., Hillhouse, Huddersfield.

- D † Huddersfield, St. Peter St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Midgley, 13, Rose St., Turnbridge, Huddersfield.
 D † Quarmby, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 10, Francis Avenue, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
 D † Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Mr. W. A. Rowson, 6, Newton St., Sowerby Bridge.
 D † West Vale, Green-lane, 2 p.m. Mrs. Smith, 65, Rochdale Rd.

LEEDS COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.
 District Visitor, Mr. H. Spencer, 21, Pickersgill St., Dewsbury Road, Ossett, Yorks.
 C † Batley Carr, Carr Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. A. Sykes, 33, Purlwell Lane, Mount Pleasant, Batley.
 C † Birstall, Batley, Railway Terrace, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. H. Ward, 6, Cross Carr St., Birstal, nr. Leeds.
 C † Castleford, Lower Oxford St., 10-30 and 1-30. Mrs. K. Wright, 23, Wood Street, Castleford.
 C † Cleckheaton, The Old Robin, 1-45. (1st Sun. 2-30). Miss M. B. Robinson, Highfield Cottage, Walthroft Road.
 C † Dewsbury, Wellington Rd., 10 and 1-45. Mr. V. R. Phillips, 43, Battye St., Dewsbury.
 C Heckmondwike, Tower st., 2 p.m. Miss V. Senior, 9, Gladys St., Liversedge.
 C † Hemsforth, Grove Lane, 10-30 2 p.m. Mrs. Ormsby, 25, Newstead View, Fitzwilliam, nr. Pontefract.
 C † Hull, Dairycoats, 9, Eastbourne St., 1-45 p.m. Miss E. G. Tozer, 19, Coxwold Grove, North Rd. Hull.
 C † Hull, Gipsyville, Labour Hall, Edinburgh St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. Green, 30, Westbourn St., Hesse Rd., Hull.
 C † Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. A. Buckton, 43, Tadman St., Hull.
 C † Leeds, Armley, Theaker-lane, 2 p.m. Mr. L. P. Firth, "Ormidale," Heath Grove, Pudsey, Leeds.
 C † Leeds, Psycho, 24, Brunswick Place, North St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Daisley, 21, Weldon Pl., Dewsbury Rd., Leeds.
 C † Leeds, 79, Easy Rd., 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. Howard, 26, St. Hilda's Grove, Cross Green Lane, Leeds.
 C † Leeds, Horsforth, Scout Hut, Broadgate Lane, 3-15 p.m. Mrs. Eccles, 67, Victoria Gardens, Horsforth, Leeds.
 C † Littleton, Wall St., 2 p.m. Mr. A. Ashton, 2, Shirley Grove, Gomersal, nr. Leeds.
 C Moorhorpe, Barnsley Rd., 10-30 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. Mr. J. Jones, 9, Eric St., South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract.
 C † Morley, Cross Church St., 1-45. Mr. H. Benn, 40a, Station Rd., Morley.
 C Morley, Queen St., 1-45. Mrs. J. Harrison, 10, King St., Morley, Leeds.
 C † Normanton, Queen St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Rothery, 30, King St., Normanton.
 C Normanton, Watson St., 11-0. Mr. J. Bird, 1, Stanley St., Normanton, Yorks.
 C † Scarborough, over Driver's Stores, Newborough, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. Middleton, 82, North Marine Rd., North Cliff, Scarborough.
 C † Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45. Miss D. Harding, 19, New Bow, Thorna, Wakefield.
 C † York, Spen Lane, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. S. Whitwam, 5, Foss Bank, Monkgate, York.

LIVERPOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mrs. L. George, 85, Queen's Rd, Everton, Liverpool.
 District Visitor, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 69, Lime St., Wigan.
 F Birkenhead, 46, Bridge St., 11 a.m. Miss D. Dunn, 23, Byrne Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.
 F † Chester, Common Hall St., 11 a.m. Mr. L. Evans, 9, Hartington St., Handbridge, Chester.
 F † Liverpool, Dauby St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Raymond, 20, Morningside Rd., Bootle, Liverpool.
 F † Liverpool, Boaler St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. A. E. Howells, 82, Prescot St., Liverpool.
 F Rock Ferry, 18, Nelson Rd., 3 p.m. Miss F. M. Sutherland, 8, Temple Rd., Birkenhead.
 F † Runcorn, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. L. Cohen, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 F Southport, 10-30. Mr. W. E. Peel, 74, Cobden Rd., Southport.
 F St. Helens, Charles St., 11 a.m. Miss E. Horsfall, 128, Birchley St., St. Helens.
 F † Warrington, Academy St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. G. E. Hasler, 2, Myrtle Grove, Latchford, Warrington.
 F † Wigan, Millgate Hall, Millgate, 10-0 a.m. and 1-45. Miss M. Eachus, 51, Ticknesh Avenue, Beech Hill, Wigan.
 F Crewe, Mill St., 10-30. Mrs. J. P. Brown, 9, Mill Street, Crewe.

THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mrs. M. Gray, 21, Kidbrooke Lane, Eltham, S.E.9.
 District Visitor, Mrs. J. Pomington 10, Westwell Rd., Stratford.
 H † Battersea, Assembly Hall, Bennerley Rd. 3-0. Mrs. E. Williams, Barnside Rd., Batham London, S.W.11.
 H † Bowes Park, Princess Hall, Green Lanes, Palmers Green, 10-30 p.m. Miss M. A. Williams, 118, Victoria Rd., Alexandra Park, N.22.
 H † Brixton, 136, Stockwell Park Rd., S.W.9. 3 p.m. Miss F. Gardner, Goury House, Voltaire Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.
 H Chatham, Avenida Hall, George St., 3 p.m. Mr. E. Rundle, 49, Toronto Rd., Gillingham, Kent.
 H † Clapham, St. Luke's Rd., S.W.4 3 p.m. Miss F. Lewis, 124, Coldharbour Lane, London, S.E.5.
 H † Croydon, "The New Gallery," Katharine Street, Croydon, 3 p.m. Miss A. O. Stewart, 2, Silverleigh Villas, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
 H † Ealing, 8, Bakers Lane, Broadway, W.5. 3 p.m. Miss N. Hewitt, 55, Dorset Rd. South Ealing, W.5.
 H † Eltham, Co-op. Hall, Well Hall Rd., S.E.9. 11-0 p.m. Mr. J. P. T. Galway, 21, Kidbrooke Lane, Eltham, S.E.9.
 H † Forest Hill, Beadnall-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Payne, 29, Beadnall-road, Forest Hill, S.E.8.
 H † Fulham, 12, Lettice St., 3 p.m. Mr. A. R. Edmonds, 29, Kenyon St., Fulham Palace Road, S.W.6.
 H † Hackney, 240 a, Amhurst Rd., 3-0. Mrs. Wemborne, 8, Canterbury Ter., Bulls Pond Rd. Dalston, N.1.
 H † Hampton Hill, Middlessex, Windmill Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. L. J. Batten, 44, Myrtle Rd., Hampton Hill Middlesex.
 H † Hounslow, Whitton Rd., Hounslow, M'sex. 3 p.m. Mr. F. A. Bates, 27, School Rd., Hounslow, Middlesex.
 H † Kingston-on-Thames, Villiers Rd., 3-0. Mr. Wilde, 22, Berrylands Rd., Surbiton, Surrey.
 H Little Ilford, Third Avenue, Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Mr. W. P. George, 53, Little Ilford Lane, Manor Park, E.12.
 H Manor Park, Strone Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Trumble, 218, Wakefield Rd., East Ham, E.6.
 H † New Malden, Park Rd., Surrey, 3 Op.m. Miss A. Wernham, 21, Elm Rd., New Malden, Surrey.
 H North London, Grovedale Rd., 3-0 p.m. Miss N. C. Whorley, "Westcliff," Bramber Road, North Finchley, N.12.
 H † Peckham, Lausanne Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. F. Franklin, 60, Drakefell Rd., New Cross, S.E.14.
 H † Plaitford, Braemar Rd., E.13., 3 p.m. Miss J. E. Pountney, 39, Desford Rd., Canning Town, E.16.
 H † Rochester Square, Camden Rd., Camden Town, N. 3 p.m. Miss D. M. Jordan, 27, Parkhurst Rd., Holloway, N.7.
 H Stratford, Idminton Road, 3 p.m. Mr. R. H. Bates, 46, St. James Rd., Stratford, E.15.
 H † Tottenham, and Edmonton, 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. H. Markham, 226, Victoria Rd., nr. Edmonton, N.9.
 H † Walthamstow, Workman's Hall, High St., E.17. 3 p.m. Mrs. L. Hopkins, 14, Gosport Rd., High St., Walthamstow, E.17.
 N † Woolwich and Plumstead, Perseverance Hall, Villas Road, Plumstead, 3-0. Mr. W. B. Rayner, 41, Abbey Wood Rd., Abbey Wood, S.E.2.
 H † Southend and Westcliff, Westboro' Rd., Westcliff-on-sea, 3 p.m. Mr. F. B. S. Kemp, 351, Fairfax Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr G A Dixon, 31, Boyd St., C. on M., Manchester
 District Visitor, Miss G. Ashton 71, Hulme Hall Lane, Miles Platting, Manchester.
 F Hollinwood, Bryom St., 10-30. Miss A. Fogg, 9, Chester St., Oldham.
 F † Manchester, Progressive, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Miss E. Jackson, 11, Rawcliffe St., Moss Side, Manchester.
 F † Manchester, Halliwell St., Cheetham Hill, 10-30. Mrs. G. Goshon, 36, Anne St., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.
 F † Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham Rd., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Storrow, 19, Densmore St., West St., Ashton Rd., W., Failsworth, Manchester.
 F † Manchester, Durham St., Market St., Droyloden, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Eccles, 28, Ferris St., nr. Openshaw, Manchester.
 F † Manchester, Harpurhey, 24, Sharston St., 2-30. Mrs. A. Hall, 10, Dunstan St., Moston Lane, Blackley, Manchester.
 F Manchester, Higher Openshaw, 41, Old Lane, 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Molineux, 14, Amy St., Openshaw, Manchester.

- F †Manchester, Longsight, N.S.C. Lyceum, Shepley St., 2-30. Mr. W. W. Ely, 3, Worthington St., Manchester.
- F †Manchester, Milton, Eccles, Booth St., 11-0 a.m. Mr. H. Ronch, 71, Franklin St., Oldfield Rd., Oldfield.
- F †Manchester, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Mr. E. Dolman, 77, Upper Courtn St., Harpurhey, Manchester.
- F †Manchester, Moss Side, 1, Buckingham St., (64a Western S.S.), Miss J. F. Van Leeuwen, Stretford Rd., Old Trafford.
- F †Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Bayliffe, 29, Seymour St., Hollinwood, Millham.
- F †Manchester, Openshaw, 915, Ashton Old Ed., 2-30. Mr. H. Bradley, 350, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester.
- F †Manchester, Pendleton, Highfield Chambers, 94, Broad St., 2-30 p.m. Miss D. Woolfenden, Mount Vernon, Strawberry Hill, Pendleton, Manchester.
- F †Manchester, Salford (Central), St. Phillips Place, 2, Mr. T. Wilkinson, 24, Mary St., Regent Rd., Salford.
- F †Manchester, South, Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Woodcock, 156, Cornbrook St., Old Trafford, Manchester.
- F †Manchester, Stretford, Watson St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Cooke, 134, Lacy St., Stretford, Manchester.
- F †New Manchester, Brunswick Chambers, 63, Brunswick St., C.-on-M., 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. H. Greenall, 118, Bennett St., Hyde Road, Manchester.
- F †Northwich, Co-op. Hall, Station Rd., 1-45 p.m. Mr. Hubbard, 4, Boundary St., Lostock Graham, Northwich.
- F †Winnington, Winnington Lane, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. F. M. Day, 13, Barrymore Rd., Weaverham, Cheshire.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT.
 Secretary, Mr. E. Lloyd, 64, Audenshaw Rd., Audenshaw, nr. Manchester.
 District Visitor, Mr. Downs, 47, Belmont St., Heaton Norris, Stockport.

- F †Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. R. A. L. Markham, 8, Stamford Crescent, Stamford St., Ashton-u-Lyne.
- F †Congleton, Park Rd., 10-30. Mr. J. Davies, 45, Vandyre Crescent, Congleton.
- F †Denton, Central Market St., 10-30. Mr. J. Platt, 47, Tub St., Denton, nr. Manchester.
- F †Heaton Norris, Baker St., 10-30 & 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Cookson, 86, Old Rd., Heaton Norris.
- F †Hyde, George St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. N. Cartwright, 5, Arthur St., Hyde, Cheshire.
- F †Leek, Labour Church, 10-30. Mr. C. Harrison, 8, Angle St., Leek.
- F †Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
- F †Stockport, Central, Lord St., 10-15 and 2. Mrs. Springate, 52, Petersburg Rd., Edgely, Stockport.
- F †Stockport, Cooper St., Mr. T. Spencer, 104, Oliver St., Stockport.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT
 Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.
 District Visitor —

- Northern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.
- Southern Section: Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley.
- E †Accrington, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Miss F. Holgate, 35, Hood St., Accrington.
- E †Accrington, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Laycock, 222, Willows Lane, Accrington.
- E †Barnoldswick, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mr. A. Bulcock, 28, Rook St., Barnoldswick, Yorks.
- E †Barnoldswick, West End, Westgate, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. Bracewell, 8, Calf Hall Rd., Barnoldswick
- E †Blackburn, St. Peter St., Session 9-30, Liberty Group, 2 p.m. Mr. Wood, 23, Helen Street, Blackburn.
- E †Blackpool, Albert Rd., 9-30, 1-45. Mr. F. Carter, 56, Newton Drive, Blackpool.
- E †Brierfield, John St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. A. Sewell, 9, Hudson St., Brierfield, Lancs.
- E †Burnley, Hammerton St., 10 a.m. Miss I. Haynes, 83, Rectory Road.
- E †Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Miss B. Laycock, 16, Renshaw St., Burnley.
- E †Clitheroe, Reclabites Hall, Greenacre St., 10 a.m. Mr. C. Hargreaves, 3, Bright St., Clitheroe, Lancs.
- E †Colne, Spring Lane, 10 a.m. Mr. W. Johnson, 61, Knotts Lane, Colne, Lancs.
- E †Darwen, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss G. M. Walker, 2, Elizabeth St., Darwen.
- E †Earby, Greenand Avenue, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss B. Smith, 3, John St., Earby, nr. Colne.
- E †Fleetwood, Oak St., 10-0 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. Vollans, 38, Gordon Rd.
- E †Great Harwood, Clayton St., Mr. H. Norris, 27, Prospect St., Gt. Harwood.

- E †Morecambe, Market St., 1-30 p.m. Mrs. McLelland, 25, Marlborough Rd., Sandylands.
- E †Nelson, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Mr. H. Boothman, 49, Napier St., Nelson.
- E †Padiham, Ightenhill St., 1-30 p.m. Mr. W. T. Riley, 154, Railway Terrace, Padiham.
- E †Preston, Central Moor Lane, 10-30 a.m. Miss H. Kilner, 76, Victoria Rd., Fulwood, Preston.
- E †Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod St., 10-30 Mrs. Tann, 6, St. Mary's Pl., Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancs.
- E †Rishton, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss N. Ellison, 38, Barton St., Rishton.
- E †Barrow-in-Furness, 165, Dalton Rd., entrance, 2nd door, Preston St., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St.
- E †Barrow-in-Furness, Dalketh St., 10-30 a.m., 2 p.m. Mr. E. Fullard, 73, Wainey Rd.
- E †Lancaster, Qt. J. Street, 10-30. Miss M. Swale, 14, Gerrard St., Lancaster.
- E †Lancaster, Alliance, Collegian Rooms, Gaze St., 11-0 a.m. Mr. A. F. Rushworth, 80, Edward St., Lancaster.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.
 Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

- District Visitor, Mr. F. Reynolds, 114, Low Moor Road, East Kirby, Notts.
- G †Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- G †Beeston, Notts., Barton St., off Station Rd., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. G. Palfing, 67, High Rd., Beeston.
- G †Derby, Charnwood St., 10-45 & 2. Miss D. Smart, 13, Twyford St., Derby.
- G †Eastwood, Co-op Hall, Nottingham Ed., 2-30. Mr. Barnes, Chewton St., Hill Top, Eastwood.
- G †Hucknall, Derbyshire Lane, 10-30; 2 p.m. Mr. A. Walker, 271, Hucknall Lane, Bulwell Hall Estate, Notts.
- G †Leicester, Excelsior, Marston St., 3 p.m. Mrs. D. M. Parker, 9, Gordon St., Upper Conduit St.
- G †Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Southampton Street, 3 p.m. Miss M. E. Vann, 10, Portsmouth Rd., Leicester.
- G †Leicester, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 11-0 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon Street.
- G †Leicester, Silver St., Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Miss C. L. Jones, 18, Park Avenue, Lansdowne Ed., Leicester.
- G †Lincoln, Midland Hall, 10-30 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. C. Crane, 1, Lytton St., Cannon St., Lincoln.
- G †Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coultham St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. N. Willey, 5, Grantham St., Lincoln.
- G †Long Eaton, Broad St., 10-45. Mr. J. Waterfall, 11, High St., Long Eaton, Notts.
- G †Mansfield, Dallas St., 10-30 and 2-0 p.m. Mr. G. W. Richardson, D.N.U., 19, Hospital Terrace, Mansfield.
- G †Nottingham (Mechanics) Minor Hall, North Church St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar St., Meadows.
- G †Nottingham, Sherwood St. North, 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 4, Greenfield St., Dunkirk, Nottingham.
- G †Nottingham, Pearson's Buildings, 11-0. Mr. J. Rose, 13, Henry Rd., off Millicent Rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham.
- G †Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, 10-30 & 2. Miss H. Briggs, 52, Union St., Sutton-in-Ashfield.
- G †Ripley, Codnor & Dist., Victory Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. E. Eyre, Derby Road, Marchay, Derbyshire.

THE SCOTCH COUNCIL DISTRICT
 Secretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 32, Elm St., Logie, Dundee
 District Visitor, Mr. W. Gow, 24, Dixon Ave., Crosshill, Glasgow, S.2.

- A †Dundee, Fabian Hall, Union St., 12-45. Miss H. Hebertson, 57, Ellengowan Drive, Arbroath Rd.
- A †Edinburgh, E.A.S. Church, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, 1 p.m. Miss L. Cobb, c/o E. A. S. Church, 9, Gayfield Sq., Edinburgh.
- A †Glasgow, Southern, Neptune Rooms, 1-30 p.m. Mr. J. Prior, Grove St., Glasgow, C.4.
- A †Rosyth, Co-op. Hall, Backmarsh Rd., 2-15. Mr. S. Holroyd, 10, Back Marsh Rd.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:
 Secretary, Mr. H. Heath, 17, Station Rd., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield.

- District Visitor, Miss M. Jones, 29, Bradford St., Attercliffe, Sheffield.
- †Barnsley, North Pavement, Mrs. Howe, 10, Westfield St., Dodworth Rd.

- †Barnsley, Grace St., 2 p.m. Mr. S. Dawson, 38, Craubrock St., Barnsley.
- †Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 Mr. J. J. Hobster 32, Holme-rd., Stone-gate.
- †Doncaster, Baker St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Oekle, ford, 153, Wheatley Lane, Wheatley, Doncaster.
- †Doncaster, Catherine St., 10-30 & 2. Mrs. S. C. Webb, 65, Elmfield Rd., Doncaster.
- †Mexborough, Lee's Arcade, 10-45 & 1-45 p.m. Miss E. Gamble, 34, Schofield St., Mexboro'.
- †Rotherham, Percy St., 2 p.m. Mr. G. Lambert, 15, Arthur St., Thornhill, Rotherham.
- †Scunthorpe, I.L.P. Hall, Horne St., 1-30 p.m. Miss D. Drury, 4, East St., Scunthorpe.
- †Sheffield, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. E. Johnson, 18, Skel-with Rd., Grimsthorpe, Sheffield.
- †Sheffield, Darnall Shirland Ln., 10-0 and 2-30 o.m. Miss L. Harris, 185 Nidd Rd., Darnall, Sheffield.
- †Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 2-30. Mr. B. Higginbottom, 3 court 5 house, Well-Rd., Heeley Sheffield.
- †Stainforth, Miss L. Wootton, Church Rd.
- †West Melton, nr. Rotherham, Vicar Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. T. Paskell, 34, Oaklea Crescent, West Melton, nr. Rotherham.
- †Wombwell, Melville St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Markham, 20, Station Lane, Wombwell, nr. Barnsley.
- †Parkgate, Ashwood-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Mitchell, 54, Middle Ave., Rawmarsh, nr. Rotherham.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:
 Secretary, Mr. H. G. Guy, 3, Belmont Rd., Southampton.

- District Visitor, Miss A. L. Scoggins, 3, Upper Hollingdean Rd., Brighton, Sussex.
- †Brighton, Mighell St. Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. H. J. Everett, 84, King's Rd., Brighton.
- †Bristol, Providence Hall, Grosvenor Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. J. A. Caradine, 5, Morley St., Ashley Vale, Bristol.
- †Devonport, Ferry Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. H. Holroyd, 2, St. Levan Rd., Devonport, Plymouth.
- †Eastleigh, Scout Headquarters, Chamberlayne Rd. 3 p.m. Mr. R. L. Harwood, 158, Desborough Road.
- †Exeter, Market Hall, 11-0 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoa, 23, Clifton Hill.
- †Plymouth, 73, Victoria-rd, Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss C. Jones, 68, Hudson Ed., Southsea, Portsmouth.
- †Reading, Forester's Hall, London, St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. Giles, 5, Surrey Rd., Reading.
- †Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. E. W. Long, 111, Firgrove Rd., Southampton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall St., Rochdale.
- District Visitor, Mr. H. S. Potts, 8, Whiteplate St., Todmorden.
- †Bacup, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 18, Greenend St., Bacup, Lancs.
- †Dearnley, Rochdale Rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. Whitham, 2, Laws Terrace, Dearnley, Littleborough.
- †Hleywood, William-st., 10 a.m. Mr. Marcroft, 6, Back High-street.
- †Heywood, B.M.U., Manchester St., 10-30 and 1-45 p.m. Mr. E. Stupley, 63, Aspinall St., Heywood, Lancs.
- †Middleton, Gilmour-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 108, Higher Townley-st., nr. Manchester.
- †Oldham, Elliott St., 10-30; 2-30. Mr. M. Harper, 4, Second Avenue, Ooze Wood Rd., Royton, nr. Oldham.
- †Oldham, Waterhead, Equitable St., 10-30. Miss E. Hindley, 72, Bricklecock St., Waterhead, Oldham.
- †Rochdale, Bailie St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. Reeves, Whitewillow Place, Henry St.
- †Rochdale Penn-st., 10-15 a.m. Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall Street, Rochdale.
- †Rochdale, Regent St., 1-45 p.m. Miss D. Richards, 18, Jutland Avenue, Spotland Estate, Rochdale.
- †Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax-road 130. Mrs. T. Sutcliffe, 2, Dalton Court, off Stansfield Rd., Todmorden.

Secretaries are requested to examine these Lists and send any necessary corrections to the General Secretary.

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FREXTON, Miss Lane.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 5th. Recitations were rendered by Ronald Hill, Harold Kilmer, Mr. Semmons and Mr. Thorneley. A number of poems were given. Several Lymingtons related incidents from real life which proved very interesting. Our new officers took up their positions for next year, which promises to be a bright year.—Helen Kilmer, Sec.

QUARBY.—Open Session, Jan. 10th. Recitations by Miss M. Parker and G. Parker, songs by P. Grouver, G. Parker, D. Lathwood, D. Barlow, W. Brumant, G. Worth and D. Bevell. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—H. Parker, Sec.

READING.—Jan. 1st, Annual Christmas Tea and Tea, in the Foresters' Hall. After tea we were joined by parents and

friends and a very happy evening was spent with games, music, and broadcasting by Mr. Lawrence and friends.

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SHEFFIELD, Darnall United.—On Jan. 25th we held our Ninth Anniversary. Mr. Halden, the founder of our Lymington, took the evening service. Recitations and poems by Lymingtons. We spent a pleasant time.—Miss Harris, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Hooby, Gifford Road.—Open Session, Jan. 25th. We spent a very pleasant afternoon. Mr. Hopkins was the Conductor. Recitations by Misses Muriel Clive, Mabel Goumont, Peggy Cook, Olive Knott and Mary Fox; Masters Gordon Hooby, William Knott, Albert Knott and Vincent Cook, duet by Misses Conain Huggabottom and Nora Knott; solo by Master Vincent Porter and Miss C. Hopkins; poemlets solo by Miss Mary Trulove.—B. Huggabottom, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—Jan. 25th, Open Session in charge of Mrs. Edwards, our Conductor. Marching and callisthenics were well done; poems and recitations were well responded to. It was a good session throughout.

All 5-10 Lymingtons conducted the service. Mrs. Edwards presided. Mrs. Eason performed a Naming Ceremony, giving the baby the earthly name Joan Elizabeth and its spiritual name Peace. Miss Laura Wood was the soloist. Mr. Joe Smith took the after circle. Our best thanks are due to all who helped to make our services a success.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

WEST FELTON.—Open Session, Jan. 5th. Lymingtons responding were G. Watson, L. Abbott, L. Bell, W. Hardy, J. Douglas, J. Horaby, N. Pearson, D. Horsby, L. Pearson, E. Robson, N. Robinson, Elsie Holton, D. Douglas, G. Whigg and M. Radlen. The Conductor was Miss McLean.—G. Dryden, Sec.