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## CALENDAR OF SAINTS (L. N. 14)

By ALBERT KITCHEN.

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

**Bacon, Francis** (No. 145) was born at York House, London, in 1561, died 1626. He was the son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper. In 1576 he went to France in the entourage of his Aunt's husband, the English Ambassador and stayed there until his father died in 1579, when he was re-called to England. Then he began to study law at Gray's Inn and in 1584 he started on a Parliamentary career as member for Melcombe Regis, in Dorsetshire and soon became distinguished in the house as an orator. In 1597 appeared the first edition of his *Essays*—consisting of ten short pieces—the work by which he is most popularly known and one which brought him into notice both in England and abroad. After the death of Queen Elizabeth in 1603, Bacon rapidly rose both in fortune and favour. He was knighted in 1603, became Solicitor-General in 1607, Attorney-General in 1613, Privy Counsellor in 1616, Lord High Chancellor and Baron Verulam in 1618 and Viscount St. Alban's in 1620. His brilliant success and "reforming of abuses" made him many enemies and bitter enemies, who ultimately secured his downfall.

It was after he retired from political life that Bacon practically began his literary career as one of the world's great philosophers.

Up to that time his only acknowledged works had been several editions of his *Essays*—re-written and augmented on every occasion with great care. He was the first to dream of a larger science, based on reverent and persistent inquiry into the laws of nature. His scientific and philosophical fame is immortal. He threw over the Aristotilian deductive logic and by the impetus of his inductive method practically created modern science."

**Beethoven** (*hai-to-ven*) Ludwig Van was born at Bonn, Prussia, Dec. 16th, 1770, died at Vienna, March 26th, 1827. He was one of the greatest of musical composers. At the age of ten he began the work of composition, and even for some time after the years of his pupilage wrote in accordance with the principles observed by Haydn, Mozart and others, but at a later period he gradually introduced changes of treatment in

individual motions and also developed considerably some of the musical forms of his predecessors.

As a child Beethoven displayed unusual talent for music, and from the age of five was taught to play on the violin and devoted to musical instruction of the same form as the Harpsichord was directed by his father who was a town singer in the choir of the church of St. Ursula at Bonn. When nine years old he was placed with 17 other and received lessons in the organ from Van der Linden and then from Neefe. He also Beethoven was twelve he could play the greater part of Bach's *Well-tempered Clavier*, and had acted as deputy organist during Neefe's temporary absence in Münster. About this time he was appointed combated practically conductor of the opera band at the theatre. During 1784 he studied the violin with Franz Hummel and in 1787 paid a visit of some months to Vienna, where he had a few lessons with Mozart. His career at this period was greatly influenced by his friendship with the Breuninger family and with Count Waldenstein—to whom, in 1793, Beethoven dedicated the famous piano sonata (Op. 10). He had already earned much distinction as a pianist and improviser, but now he enhanced his reputation as a composer by writing a set of brilliant variations for the piano, which he dedicated to his friend the Countess of Hatzfeldt.

His symphonies, concertos, chamber music, string quartets, sonatas for violin, and for violin and piano, would each have been sufficient to earn for their composer undying fame. Beethoven's compositions are acknowledged to be the supreme test, intellectual gifts of the highest order being as essential as technical skill.

**Bruno, Giordano** (No. 146) was born at Nola, in the kingdom of Naples, in 1583. In his youth he was a monk of the Dominican order, but led to hereticism for safety on account of his heretical opinions. After spending two years in Geneva, he visited Toulouse and from there went to Paris, where he published a satirical comedy *Il Candeggio*, in which he ridiculed several classes and professions. Bruno next gave lectures on philosophy and strongly attacked the Aristotilianism. He visited England in 1633, where he contracted a friendship with his Philip Sidney, to whom he dedicated his next two works, the "Expulsion of the Triumphant Beast" (an attack upon Rome), and the "Evening Conversations on Ash Wednesday," in which he defended the Copernican system of Astronomy. In his chief metaphysical works he developed a pantheistic system. Bruno's philosophy seems to have attracted and influenced Spinoza, Descartes, Schelling and other thinkers. In 1633 he obtained a professorship at Wittenberg. In 1632 he returned to Italy, but was arrested the following year and imprisoned by the Inquisition for seven years, during which he refused to recant his heretical teachings. He was then condemned to death and was burned to death at the stake in Rome, on February 17th, 1600. In 1889 a monument was erected to his memory on the spot where he had died.

(A sketch of Buddha's life and teachings will appear in the April Banner).



My dear Boys and Girls.

Have you heard this one? "When are boys and girls like a dog trying to catch its own tail?"

"Why, when they are trying to give themselves a pat on the back."

I have seen several trying to do this, while they sing that popular Chorus:—

"Give yourself a pat-on-the-back,  
Pat-on-the-back, Pat-on-the-back,  
And say to yourself here's jolly good health,  
I've had a good day to-day.  
Yesterday was full of trouble and sorrow  
Nobody knows what's going to happen to-morrow  
So give yourself a pat-on-the-back.  
Pat-on-the-back, Pat-on-the-back.  
And say to yourself here's jolly good health  
I've had a good day to-day."

I think that's a topping little chorus.

It seems so full of go, with plenty of hope in it.

I think the first person to receive a pat is the writer, because it is these gay little songs we get from time to time, that helps us to forget our troubles and sing, or at least endeavour to warble.

I always think the birds give us a wonderful example in singing, the majority of them appear to sing as soon as they wake up.

I have heard it said that those who sing at their work are happy. I think this is true, but of course there has to be a limit to most things. For instance just imagine what School lessons would be like if you were allowed to sing all day. Why, I can picture your teacher questioning you as to what twice twelve are, and the answer being sung to her in the words of the song "I ain't certain," or fancy your Headmaster being generous enough to invite you to step out into the main Hall to receive the cane, and you replying "Give yourself a pat-on-the-back."

You might also find yourself singing "It's an old fashioned custom" to some of the elders who insist on telling you "We did not do that when we were your age."

As these efforts may not result in bringing about happy conditions, perhaps it will not be wise to put them into practice.

Therefore, let us just consider the question of patting ourselves on the back.

Firstly, I am reminded of the proverb "Self praise is no recommendation."

Secondly, I turn to G.C.R. 131 "Esteem Thyself" Is self-esteem, vanity, the answer to which is "No, It is the consciousness of having lived righteously.

We have now entered upon quite a nice little debate, which I think will be quite easy for you younger Lyceumists to follow.

The first thing we have to do is to remove conceit from our lives.

How often have you boys and girls said of some one you know: "He or she thinks themselves *it*" or using a more common everyday word "Swanker."

The reason we form such opinions is because we consider the one referred to, is conceited or has a big opinion of himself.

If we, too, suffer with this complaint, I would suggest we are not entitled to pat ourselves on the back for anything we may do in such a cocky or boastful spirit as this, certainly would not agree with our Lyceum teachings, would it?

No, but there are times when we set ourselves a task which when completed make us feel as pleased as a dog with two tails (I never saw one); but we could just jump and shout for joy, then we can pat ourselves on the back with all the modesty in the world.

Perhaps two illustrations will help you to understand the lesson better.

The first is of a boy or girl who has a conceited idea of themselves. They enter for a competition, which says the competitor must do his or her own work.

By doing a little cheating and getting help from other people they win a prize.

The second is another boy or girl who enters the same competition and justly works out the problems for themselves and although they may not get first prize or even a prize at all, they have the joy of knowing they have been honest.

Now which of these do you think has the most right to pat himself on the back, I think the latter, don't you? Space will not permit me to take this lesson as far as I should like, but the same rule applies throughout life and I would like you to read for yourself G.C.R. 131.

We have every right to be pleased with ourselves. When we have been honest in our dealings, truthful in our utterance of opinions, and also when we have reached the ideals for which we set ourselves the task.

Answers to last month's Puzzles:—

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|-----------------|----------------|
| No. 1. Thames.  | 2. Humber.     |
| 3. Ouse.        | 4. Trent.      |
| 5. Severn.      | 6. Tyne.       |
| No. 145.        |                |
| 1. Nightingale. | 2. Sparrow.    |
| 3. Thrush.      | 4. Starling.   |
| 5. Canary.      | 6. Kingfisher. |

This month's Puzzles:—

- No. 146. "Hidden Lyceums."
- Mr. Smith's Car differed in size and colour from that of Mr. Jones.
  - The Carpenter fixed the Bolt on the inside of the door.
  - The London Athletic Club arranged a Cross Country Run, Cornelius leading.
  - The Judge appeared in a new Wig and Gown.
  - Dudda has slung a beautiful Hammock between the two Pear trees.
  - Pleas, Little Bo-Peep rest on this grassy bank with me, said the Fairy.

No. 147. "Musical Reading Title "Muddled."  
"SFEETVOPSEROOHCRGI."

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

With Love,

Your Loving Friend,  
UNCLE BERT.

Death is less than a shadow: it represents nothing, even imperfectly.

## The Education Department.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE  
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Grade V.

B.S.L.U.—Sunday, 11th MAY, or (by arrangement  
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Entry Forms for the March examinations must be  
returned to Mrs. E. Paling not later than 8th March;  
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 end of March. Full  
instructions were 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.

THE GRADUATE (S.N.U.) SECTION EXAMS.

When these notes appear, only four weeks will  
remain before the Exams. are upon us, and little time  
now remains for anything but revision of the work  
done, and reading up of the notes taken during the  
Winter's study. Most of the available time should  
be spent in the practice of giving written answers to  
questions—including in this the important habit of  
first reading the questions carefully, in order to find  
out what the Examiner is really asking you to tell  
him—and for this purpose nothing could be better  
than to obtain the questions set at last years' examina-  
tion for the Grade you are taking, and to learn the  
answers to these from your text book.

The Reading Course in each of the three Grades is  
very important and essential to a thorough under-  
standing of the various phases of Spiritualism; and it  
is hoped that students have taken the hint of marking  
all striking sections or passages in their first reading  
of each book, as now all they will have to do is to read  
these marked passages, and think them over from the  
point of view of the questions set last year. As will  
be seen, the questions in many cases are for *your opinion*  
of some passage or statement quoted from the text-  
book; and if you have read your text-book "thought-  
fully" you will have your opinion ready on whatever  
may be asked—instead of having to think it out while  
the precious time allowed for your answer is ticking  
away.

In the Evolution Courses of the Grades, stress is  
laid on the progress of life to spiritual as well as mental  
and physical perfection; and you will find that many  
of the questions ask for your opinion of the light  
that Spiritualism throws on this progress, as well as  
the light that this progressive tendency throws on the

claims of Spiritualism. So when re-reading your  
marked passages, keep this view-point in mind, and  
try to make up your mind how your ideas of Spiritualism  
are being affected—that is, strengthened, disproved or  
altered—by the new knowledge with which you are  
being brought into contact. You will find this of great  
assistance to you when you come to answer questions  
at the exam.

The Philosophy Courses take the same route as the  
University Three-Years Philosophy Course. The first  
year's study is Logic; for it stands to reason that if you  
cannot think a thing out properly you are wasting your  
time trying to find out anything; and *Essays on Reasoning*  
have been commended on several occasions as an  
interesting introduction to the study of Jevons's *Primer*,  
and well worth reading. Then, if we want to be able  
to make really helpful investigations into mediumship  
and psychic phenomena, we must know something of  
the workings of the human mind; and all study should  
keep that fact in view, so as to help to an understanding  
of how the workings of the mind may assist or inter-  
fere with the production of phenomena or an under-  
standing of its implications—so the second year's  
study is Psychology. You are now ready for a study  
of Philosophy, and should know enough of logical  
reasoning and understand enough of mental limitations  
and powers to be able to read of the great philosophies  
of the past, and to decide for yourself which of them—  
and to what general extent some of these—agreed or  
disagreed with what we may call the philosophy of  
Spiritualism. It is not expected that the majority of  
students will be able to take up a deep and detailed  
study of philosophy, so that all you are asked for  
is a knowledge of a simple but comprehensive History  
of Philosophy, which every Spiritualist should be  
willing to study.

This may seem a lot for a four-weeks period of study;  
but it is only a suggestion of how *what you can manage*  
to study might be tackled, and I am conceited enough  
to think that it will be helpful. And don't forget  
that the more written practice you have before the  
exams, the better will your written work be at the  
actual test.

Good luck to every one of you, whatever Grade  
you are taking.

LYCEUM ENTRIES FOR THE MAY EXAM.

Once more I want to appeal for entries to be sent in  
as early as can be managed. I am carrying on the  
exams. this year under a handicap, and if entries are  
sent in now, it will allow me plenty of time to get  
Lyceum parcels ready a few at a time, and so have all  
ready for the date of sending out to Supervisors. If  
entries are held over till the last day of entering, it  
will make it very hard work for me to get so much  
work done correctly in such a short time. I mention  
this, as some may not think of it, and I don't want to  
be suspected of "driving."

HOW TO TACKLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

A correspondent informs me that some readers of  
this column think it is written as *the one and only*  
*correct answer* to the question set. May I assure these  
readers that they are entirely wrong! The reason for  
the series was explained in the August, 1929, BANNER,  
and the method of tackling the questions in the Sept-

ember issue. But as there may be some students who do not possess copies of these issues—and also for the sake of future readers of our bound Volumes—I think it would be as well that I should re-state the idea and the *suggested methods*.

### THE IDEA AND ITS ORIGIN.

When reporting (to the Education Committees) on the papers marked by them in last year's—and previous—examinations, several Examiners drew attention to a great weakness in the answers of a good many of our candidates: that the candidate in many cases wrote an interesting "reply" for which very few marks could be given, because the "answer" contained little or nothing of the information asked for by the Examiner. In other words—the candidate had no lack of knowledge, but was apparently unable to quite grasp what was being asked for, or to choose from her or his knowledge what was required to answer the question asked.

For instance, a well-written essay on the blessing of spirit return; or an account of convincing experiences of the candidate; or a discourse on the duty of our mediums to develop their powers to the utmost and to resist all temptation to fraudulent practices—none of these would be accepted as an answer to a question which asked you *what precautions you would take*, when investigating psychic phenomena, *to make certain that you could be neither deceived nor swindled*. Yet this is the sort of answer to which the Examiners drew attention; and it can only be supposed that the candidate either (i) in the excitement of the examination room misread the question and answered according to the misreading, or (ii) read the question correctly but did not quite know how to set about answering it, and so introduced a lot of unnecessary information while leaving out things that should have been put in. In other words, they did not seem to know how to tackle examination questions.

### THE SUGGESTED METHOD.

So it was decided that a number of the questions set at the 1929 examination should be dealt with in the National Journals—and that each month a question should be tackled, NOT ANSWERED, as a guide to students who haven't had very many chances of practising that sort of thing, but who only needed to *have the idea explained* to them.

So each Tackle column starts with pointing out *what the question asks for*—the student being expected, and advised, to go through all the questions he can find and practise looking for this very important item. Then "The Tackler" using his own language and knowledge and ideas, shows how (in what order, and with what comparative emphasis) HE would tackle the question. But he does not claim what he writes as his answer—and he *suggests* to the student that he or she, using *their* knowledge and ideas, should use the same method of *arranging the answer*. But they are not compelled to use it—nor are they expected to use the same arguments as in the Sample Outlines. They are supposed to know the subject for themselves, and only to want an idea of how to use what they know, so as not to put in what is not needed, or leave out what is vital, to the answer required by the Examiner.

### PRETEND YOU ARE WRITING A LETTER.

A good plan for the student is to pretend that a friend, who is becoming interested in Spiritualism, has written asking him for his opinion on the subject upon which any given question is set, and pressing for a reply per return; and also that, in order to catch the post, he must not spend more than the time allowed at the examination on writing his answer.

The question for this month is No. 2 of Section "D" (text-book, *Hints to Students of Spiritualism*) on the Intermediate Grade Reading paper set last March, as published in the August, 1929, BANNER.

*"Religion everywhere shows us a double aspect: (a) an EXOTERIC doctrine for the plain man of limited understanding, and (b) an ESOTERIC understanding for the soul which seeks for the inner core of truth."*

*How does this double aspect find expression in Spiritualism?*

You will note that you are not asked to give any opinions on the first part of the question, what is given in that paragraph being a quotation from the text-book, quoted by the Inquirer (or Examiner) and accepted (for the purposes of answering the question asked in the second paragraph) by you. All you are asked to do is to show how these two aspects of religion find expression in Spiritualism.

In replying, you may find it advisable to divide your answer to this second paragraph into the (a) and (b) sections suggested by the quotation, with a (c) section applying particularly to Spiritualism.

Under (a) you will point out that what the average man seeks in religion is comfort and security. He likes to feel that there is some Over-ruling Power in whose keeping he can be safe. And to that sort of man the outward (or exoteric) forms of religion are sufficient. He will attend his church regularly, perform all the recognised or accepted duties of the sect to which he belongs, and so long as he does his best to live up to these requirements he feels satisfied about himself and hopeful about his future—and he doesn't worry unduly about special theories or fine points of philosophy. His faith sustains him.

Under (b) you will point out that there are others who are never wholly satisfied with mere acceptance and observance of the outward and visible sign, and who always seek for understanding of the inward and spiritual grace which true acceptance of the sign invariably ensures. To these it is not enough to observe the outward requirements of religion—they try to understand the message underlying all that they observe, and to find therein an explanation of life and its purpose.

Under (c) you will show how Spiritualism provides full satisfaction for both of these types. For the average man the proven fact of spirit return, and his belief in the guidance and companionship of spirit entities (known or unknown to him in Earth life), with the messages of hope and comfort they bring for all—for him this is abundant evidence of a benevolent Father-God who loves all his children and has provided and prepared for them things such as "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man." So he attends his circles and his church services and does his best to live according to his faith and to show his gratitude for the goodness of God. For the seeker after spiritual verities these facts and beliefs provide food for reflection. In human survival he sees

a suggestion of immortality, and in spirit progression a hint of the eternal progression of every human soul; the actions and the teachings of exalted entities exhibit a love and a wisdom greater than anything that has ever been expressed in Earth life, and arouse in him the conviction that this love and wisdom contain in them something that is divine; from this it is but a step to see in man's mental and spiritual powers possibilities of not only godliness but god-like-ness, and to conceive man as a spirit, inseparable from Infinite Spirit, and therefore a participater in its nature and its infinity—the final and inspiring conclusion being that Man proceeds from God, that his destiny is Godhood, and that the purpose of life is that Mind should have opportunities of developing upwards to full manifestation of perfect Wisdom enlightened and ennobled by perfect Love.

Of course, you may have your own ideas of the meaning of *exoteric* and *esoteric*, and if so you should use them in your answer; but you might do worse than imitate the *form of giving* the answer shown above.

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 have tackled this one, and looking up the necessary information in the appropriate text-book *before as well as after* doing each answer.

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## The Liberty Group.

### Is it just to make a Will?

What is your opinion on the right and expediency of making wills?

Phocion: That it is neither expedient nor just to make them; and that the prohibition would obviate and remove (to say nothing of duplicity and servility) much injustice and discontent; the two things against which every legislator should provide the most cautiously. General and positive Laws should secure the order of succession, as far as unto the grandchildren of brother and sister; beyond and out of these, property of every kind should devolve to the commonwealth. Thousands have remained unmarried, that, by giving hopes of legacies, they may obtain votes for public offices; thus being dishonest, and making others so, defrauding the community of many citizens by their celibacy, and deteriorating many by their ambition. Luxury and irregular love have produced in thousands the same effect. They care neither about off-spring nor about

offices, but gratify the most sordid passions at their country's most ruinous expense. If these two descriptions of citizens were prohibited from appointing heirs at their option, and obliged to indemnify the republic for their inutility and nullity, at least by so insensible a fine as that which is levied on them after death, the members would shortly be reduced to few, and much of distress and indigence, much of dishonour and iniquity, would be averted from the people of Athens.

Aeschines: But services and friendships . . .  
Phocion: . . . are rewarded by friendships and services.

Aeschines: You have never delivered your opinion upon this subject before the people.

Phocion: While passions and minds are agitated, the fewer opinions we deliver before them the better. We have laws enough; and we should not accustom men to changes. Though many things might be altered and improved, yet alternation in state-matters, important or unimportant in themselves, is weighty in their complex and their consequences.

Aeschines: On wills you have excited my inquiry rather than satisfied it; you have given me new thoughts, but you have also made room for more.

Phocion: Aeschines, would you take possession of a vineyard or olive-ground which nobody had given to you?

Aeschines: Certainly not.

Phocion: Yet if it were bequeathed by will, you would?

Aeschines: Who would hesitate?

Phocion: In many cases the just man.

Aeschines: In some indeed.

Phocion: There is a parity in all between a will and my hypothesis of vineyard or olive-ground. Inheriting by means of a will, we take to ourselves what nobody has given.

Aeschines: Quite the contrary; we take what he had given who does not deprive himself of any enjoyment or advantage by his gift.

Phocion: Again I say, we take it, Aeschines, from no giver at all; for he whom you denominate the giver does not exist; he who does not exist can do nothing, can accept nothing, can exchange nothing, can give nothing.

Aeschines: He gave it while he was living, and while he had these powers and faculties.

Phocion: If he gave it while he was living, then it was not what lawyers and jurists and legislators call a will or testament, on which alone we spoke.

Aeschines: True; I yield.

Phocion: The absurdities we do not see are more numerous and greater than those we discover; for truly there are few imaginable that have not crept from some corner or other into common use, and these escape our notice by familiarity.

Aeschines: We pass easily over great inequalities, and smaller shock us. He who leaps down resolutely and with impunity from a crag may be lamed perhaps for life by missing a step in the descent from a temple.

Again, if you please, to our first question.

W. S. LANDER'S "Imaginary Conversations."

I shall call the time bad when they make me so: at present they are to be borne, as must be the storm that follows them.

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## A CHEERLESS HOUSE.

I was taking a walk with a friend. In many ways our thoughts ran together. In our separate lives much had happened that was sentimental to both my companion and myself. And thus we shared the years. Time flew, we wandered into the distance, neither time nor place mattered. The term "mutuality" has been commercialised: it had a different meaning in those days.

We were brought back to our normal thoughts when my friend said "Why, I know someone who lives in one of these houses. Let us call. My old school-mate will be vexed if she knew I had been past her home and missed calling."

I knocked at the door and a woman came to answer it. "Well, I never expected you to come this way" said the tenant. "Come in and bring your friend." We sat around the fire and I mused whilst the two old school-mates wandered over the past.

Everything in that house was in its proper place. There was not a speck of dust anywhere. Yet I was most uncomfortable. It was the most inhospitable and empty home I had ever seen. There was not a book, newspaper or anything which expressed individuality—or ideas anywhere around. There was a husband, but, though living, he was as dead to the world as the Jonathan whose name he bore. He was a Particular Baptist; one of the elect.

"You are very quiet," said the hostess.

"Leave him alone," said my friend, "he has a habit of drawing confidences from people, and you may not want to have that kind of conversation."

The woman had a sad face and she did not speak for a while. She looked very sad and then her face changed as she looked at us both. "I would give anything to have a friend such as you seem to be to each other."

And the story of her life was revealed. She had married a widower with one child, a boy. He was a bright boy who had inherited the disposition of his mother. As soon as he was old enough he had asked his father to allow him to bring his chum into the home, but had been refused.

The father had said he wasn't paying rent for a house for other people to live and eat in.

Other boyish pleasures were denied him. His mother had pined away and died, but the boy's vitality was too strong for death.

The father's conduct drove the boy from the home. His stepmother had grown to love the boy, but for the sake of peace dare not show any sympathy when the father was present.

She had made her bed and she would lie in it.

I asked her had she no pleasures and she said 'Oh, yes, I go to Church, but beyond that Jonathan doesn't care for anything else.' "Where is Jonathan now?" I asked. "He goes out for a walk" the woman replied.

"Do you never go with him?" said I.

"No," she replied, "there is no interest in walking with a silent man."

And then, as often happens, the person about whom we were talking came on the scene.

I was introduced to Jonathan. Our difference of religion—he was one of the elect—prevented that topic. I could not talk about anything in the newspapers. The discussion of the weather fell flat. I had learned he was a weaver, but it was weaving bad.

My friend came to the rescue and said we had better be going or we should be late.

The hostess looked at us and I knew she was offering a silent apology for not asking us to stay to tea. I smiled and nodded acceptance of her explanation. The slight squeeze of her hand was all that I could let my hand say for the words I dare not speak.

I offered my hand to her husband but his hand was cased in steel and the touch was meaningless. "God protect all women from such husbands," was the thought as we parted.

That house was the most barren home I have ever entered. It was a living tomb. No papers, no books, no son, no human touch, nothing except the poor soul bound to a life of torture till the release came.

"You are very quiet" said my friend.

"Yes" I replied "I have been a coward."

"In what way?"

My answer was, "that poor woman's soul is starved, she is tied to a walking tombstone. I should have told that man his duty and shown him his true position—a wife anxious at least for companionship: a son estranged: the emptiness of the home." . . . . .

. . . . . "But that would have made the woman's position worse after you had left."

"Possibly," I replied, "but I have missed a chance that will never come again."

And yet it was not all in vain as the woman did begin to call on my friend to obtain comfort to her soul as another may seek physic for the body. Sometimes I was there too.

Out of the sadness of others, joys may be borne within ourselves. "A beautiful home musical with loving voices is the nursery of heaven." My son has just asked me something and I am going to give him my attention.—G. F. KNOTT.

I love those best who can tell me the most things I never knew before, and who have patience with me, and look kindly when they teach me, and almost as if they were waiting for fresh questions.

**B.S.L.U. GUARANTEE GIFT FUND.**

Amounts received during 1930. Mr. A. T. Connor, 10s., Anonymous £1, Anon, per C.M.M. 10s. Total £2.

**B.S.L.U. CAPITATION FUND.**

Amounts received during 1930:  
Bristol, Providence, 10s., Sunderland, Derwent St., 11s. 4d., Gateshead, Rectory Hall, 2nd donation, £1 5s. Eccles, £1, Newcastle, Rye Hill, 3rd donation, 5s., Anon, London (per L. L. D.C.) 10s.; Bradford, Hilton, 10s. 3d. Total £4 11s. 7d.

**B.S.L.U. SUPPLEMENTARY DONATIONS.**

**58 Lyceums respond.**

The following subscribers are added to the list since Jan. 28th—Tottenham & Edmonton, 10s., Coventry, Broadgate, 5s., Leeds, Easy Rd., 5s.; Derby, Charnwood St., 5s., Ashton-u-Lyne, 2s. 6d., Bury, King St., 5s., N.E. Cheshire L.D.C. 6s., Shipley, 5s.; Leicester, Silver St., 2s. 6d.; Doncaster, Baker St., 8s.; Starchley, 5s.; Walsall, 5s.; Eccles, Manchester, 5s.; Clapham, 5s.; Middleton, Gilmour St., 5s.; Blackburn, St. Peter St., 17s.; Mr. E. Aked, 4s.; West Pelton, 2s. 6d.; Liverpool L.D.C., 7s.; Plaistow, 5s.; London, Rochester Square, 10s.; Halifax & Huddersfield L.D.C., 10s.; Rochdale, Baron St., 5s.; Calgary, Canada, 10s. 4d.; Macclesfield, 5s.; Northampton 10s.; Grimsby 10s.; Halifax, St. Paul's, 10s.; Darnall, 5s.; Rochdale, Regent Hall, £1. Total to Feb. 25th. £18 18s. 10d.

**B.S.L.U. PATRONS.**

**AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL INDIVIDUAL LYCEUMISTS.**

Dear Lyceumist,

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 Lyceumists—who can afford the 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.

We have waited many years to develop our publications, increase our valuable methods of education, and in many other ways, to spread our truths.

All those who have supported the Guarantee Fund will be enrolled as Patrons.

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.*

G. F. KNOTT, *Gen. Secretary.*

20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

There are 102 Patrons and we are pleased to publish the following names of those enrolled since last month—Mr. and Mrs. Puryer, Mrs. Hardy. Total received during 1930, 17s. 6d.

**£2,000 Effort Fund.**

Dear Lyceumists,

Again my effort is due, and I am sure that each and all concerned will be anxious to know the result of the Founder's Day Effort.

The Mystery Cracker received a splendid reception, and judging by the letters I have received, caused no little amusement.

One hundred and twenty Crackers were sent out to the various Lyceums; forty of these Crackers, I have not yet received payment for; but, I venture to state, that the recipients are doing their best to dispose of the contents, and that I may expect the cash very soon. I do very earnestly appeal that you will not delay any longer than you can possibly help, as I am very anxious to present a record list of subscribers.

All Lyceumists will be interested to learn, that I have now disposed of the 2,000 Bookmarks and 250 Pamphlets, I had on my hands and I am very delighted to find that Lyceumists are such "good sports," and I very patiently await the completion of the Effort, so that the full results may be given, as a happy surprise it may be here stated that some Lyceums have purchased the Cracker, sold the contents and forwarded the proceeds from sale of same, along with Founder's Day Special Collections.

There's a lead for you! how many will try and follow the example, I will give you until March 16th to send in your Quota to the Founder's Day Effort. Don't forget the Collection please! and look out, for my job is not yet completed, and I hope to take you into my confidence very soon.

Again thanking you one and all.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

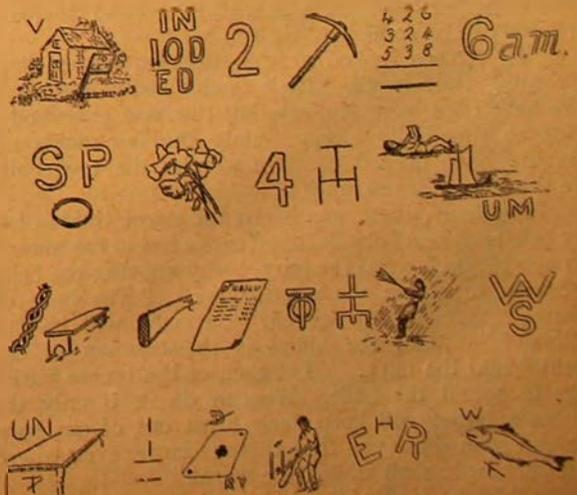
VICTORIA G. RAYNER,

Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort

112, Gregory Boulevard,  
Nottingham.

Oh! could I embody the spirit and knowledge I receive from angels friends and pass the inspirations to humanity!

**THE CHILDREN'S PUZZLE.**





Dear Little Imps,

I had almost given up looking for letters from Imps, when that letter from Reading came, last month. My letter to you was all ready for the printer, and Cecilia's letter very nearly had to wait until this month before it could be printed. That would have been very disappointing, for I love to share the page with other, especially smaller, Imps. Is that letter to be the first of lots for this year? I hope so, and I must tell you all over again how much I want to know your stories, and please write your letters in the first two weeks of the month.

Do you like the month of March? I do! This year it is especially nice, because it gives us Shrove Tuesday and I hope you enjoy both the pancakes and the holiday too. Then March always makes me think of the March Hare from "Alice in Wonderland." Besides, it is a month when, every time we go marching out into the country-side, we get new surprises and see fresh and lovely things waking up. That is why this month's story is about

### The Bellman of Spring.

The Fairy Queen looked anxiously around her court, at the fairies who were waiting to hear her wishes. They had met together in a woodland dell, but the woods were hushed and not even a single bird could be heard.

At last the Queen spoke. "Listen, my fairies!" said she. "Can none of you tell me how to waken the woodlands again? It is the month of March and Spring should be on her way. It is time the woodland dwellers were ready to welcome her."

The Queen looked at the sunbeam fairies, but they hung their heads. Their leader sadly answered "We have tried, your Majesty, but this year everybody seems so dreadfully sleepy. Only the fair maids of February have heeded us. No wonder the townsfolk love the Snowdrops so much!"

Suddenly, there was heard the sweet tinkle of a tiny bell, as a wind fairy fluttered to the feet of the queen. "If you please," piped the fairy, "why not ring the bells of Spring to waken the woodlands?" "The bells of Spring?" repeated the queen, "but who will be my bellman?" "Oh, the Wind is the bellman of the world," said the fairy. "Let each of the breeze fairies help to sound the bells. We can do it, if only the sunbeam fairies will keep Jack Frost out of our way. We can soon show you that there is music everywhere, and our music shall waken the world."

"Right gladly!" said the queen. "Sunbeams,

keep close to the wind fairies and help them with all your might."

Then Wind, the bellman, called all of his helpers to him, and every breeze and every wind hastened to his aid. "Remember," said the Wind, "that the music of our bells is soft and sweet, but all must hear it. Carry it everywhere, as you creep along the ground, play among the bushes, or fly high in the tree tops."

Then began the music of March—a sweet insistent tinkle that would not let the sleepers sleep. Every breeze rang out its message, calling as it pealed, "Wake up, Spring is here! Wake up, it is growing time! Wake up, the world needs you! Wake up, and come out to see the World."

Across the ground crept the busy fairies, and the green grass grew where their feet had touched the soil. Baby Daffodils and Bluebells struggled in their bulbs, and each one whispered to its leaf brothers "Oh, I do want to see what there is outside our brown house. Let us grow!" Seeds wriggled impatiently as each one grumbled "Oh, I'm much too big to wear this coat now. I'll throw it off, and see the world!" Inquisitive leaves peeped out above the soil.

Some of the fairies rang out their bells amongst the bushes. The mischievous ones swung on the lambs tails on the Hazel trees, until they stretched and grew and let the winds carry away their grains of pollen dust.

The sap in the twigs ran merrily over to the farthest buds, and called to each one to take off its coats. The buds gladly obeyed, and beautiful green leaves clothed the trees anew.

The birds heard the music too. "What is this?" they chirruped. "Must the woodland bellman teach us how to sing? Let us show him what we can do. It is our mating time, and we shall sing our love songs as we build our nests again. Won't the bellman smile when he hears our babies sing their first songs?"

The bellman of Spring grew prouder and bolder. He rang at the tree homes of the squirrels and at the burrows of the rabbits, and he roused the prickly hedgehog and the sleepy dormouse. "Ding-a-dong, listen to my song," sang the Wind. "Wake up, the world is green again," and the furry folk awakened to delicious fresh green grass again. Then they hurried to spring-clean their homes in readiness for their new babies.

Once more the fairy queen held court, but this time she was happy and every fairy was gay. "Oh, Wind, Bellman of Spring, you have indeed done well. All the world is wide awake again. Spring is here and she is lovelier than ever."

The wind smiled with contentment, and his music rustled through all the woodlands. "My bells have just done their work," he answered. "Now I must leave you for other work. My bells are no longer needed, for the world now has fresh music in every flower bell and every chorus from the birds."

So now, Imps, you know all about the world's awakening. I hope you will all enjoy hearing the Bellman's music.

Lots of love,

MEG.

The Editor regrets the change of Secretaries and some interesting items are crowded out of this issue.

## 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)?

The discussion of the problem was opened last month by Mr. Connor, and is continued this month by Mr. J. Tinker and Mr. D. Gow. Others will follow.

### Mr. TINKER'S OPINION.

#### The Spirit Body and its Functions.

The spirit body is an exact replica of the physical body in the organs as well as the external shape, but composed of a higher order of material that must be replenished from that of a higher environment. Therefore, progress and evolution continues at death. The spirit body during earlier life is built up and replenished largely, but not entirely, from the finer stuff within our foods, and it is stated by numbers of spirits that in the first states after earth life the spirit body is sustained by foods composed of the fruits of the environments, without elimination through the matter of earth. That is progressive. The feelings and emotions make the same call through the spirit-body organs as through the earth-body organs—that is, such feelings as can only be gratified through such organs : but as the earth-body organs are not there to contact with the earth-body objects, disappointment is the result. People whose moral habits have placed their feelings in subjection to emotion and thought and will that do not need flesh organs or their earth contacts, but have prepared their spirit-body to use the organs of that body as channels for the higher forces of the spirit world, find the evolutionary processes more rapidly in operation in the gradual transformation of the replicas of the earth-life organs to something better adapted to serve the uses of the inspirational and respirational modes of life of the

higher spheres, till all earth-born modes and forms are transcended . . . (This is my paraphrase of Mr. Connor's reply).

### Automatic Writings.

I am a personal friend of Mr. Wainwright, but I do not hesitate to say that I read his book with stark unbelief. That should indicate my strong opposition to the statement that we have to take these (or any other) writings as true. What there is of drama or allegory in the account I have had neither the time nor interest to try to discover. I adopt the modern scientific method of discovering truth—and especially the truth of spirit phenomena and assertions. (See "Grays on Reasoning," ch. 8-11). J. TINKER.

### Mr. GOW'S OPINION.

Having read Mr. A. T. Connor's contribution to the discussion on the set of problems raised by Mr. Walter Taylor, I find myself so much in agreement with Mr. Connor's idea that I do not feel that I can add much that shall be of special value.

Obviously, where the problems are so speculative, it is necessary to be suggestive rather than exhaustive. The question regarding the functions of the physical body and whether they are carried forward into the next life has been dealt with a good many times from the other side. I remember "Tien Sien Tie," the control of the late Mr. J. J. Morse, answering such a question one evening by pointing out that it is the *principles* at the back of the bodily functions which are carried forward into the next life, those principles being, in effect, absorption, assimilation and elimination, and these are not restricted to the physical side of things. Somewhere in one of his books Andrew Jackson Davis says that as the spirit progresses the organs of the spiritual body which correspond to the physical form are changed and modified. Mr. Connor's reply admirably covers this question.

As regards the nature of the spirit world, I suppose as nearly as we can get to any understanding on that point is to consider the next life as intrinsically in the nature of a *mental* life. It is probably a life of the mind and the emotions with a focussing point represented by the spirit body. It would seem, then, that the advanced spirit is not tied down to the body in the same way that we are here ; he lives and radiates a life far outside the nucleus represented by the spiritual body. We have, of course, a vast amount yet to learn on this subject, but I remain of the view expressed by the more intelligent communicators who say that the facts of the life which they are living are to a large extent untranslatable into terms which we could understand ; for we are naturally limited by a physical body and physical brain and as St. Paul says, "we see through a glass darkly." But it is clear enough that the further the human being advances spiritually the more his physical brain will be developed and clarified so as to attain even here something like a reasonable understanding of the life of the hereafter. Still as "Tien" himself said in effect, on more than one occasion, "You will never properly understand this life until you are actually living it," and I would add to that, probably it will not be fully understood even then!

DAVID GOW.

*Contributions have been received from Miss E. C. Dean, Mr. E. W. Oaten and Mr. G. F. Berry. These will appear in a future issue.*

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST No 17.

Again I regret to report a very limited entry in both the Junior and Senior sections, although the former made a brave show.

The correct answers to the Junior tests are:—

	Marks.
Sparrow. S.C. 2. (twice and M.R. 229)	3
Eagle. S.C. 10	1
Dove. S.C. 19	1
Owl. S.C. 27	1
Songbirds. S.C. 7, 44, 47, 81, L.S. 318, 354, 359	7
Gaybirds. S.C. 46.	1
Lark. S.C. 49, 81, and L.S. 307	3
Nightingale. S.C. 81	1
Silent birds. S.C. 96	1
Birds of Paradise. M.R. 201	1
Sweet voiced bird. M.R. 209	1
Little birds. M.R. 211	1
Summer bird. M.R. 229 ad L.S. 381	2
Woodbirds. L.S. 302	1
Swallows. L.S. 374	1
Forest minstrels. L.S. 376	1
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The prize winners are,—

Betty Lea, aged 12, of Southsea, with 22 marks.

Frank Burgess, aged 13½, of Newport, with 20 marks.

In the Senior section I have awarded the prizes to,—  
Ethel McGregor, aged 18, of Glasgow, and  
Philip J. Kent, of Brockley, London, each of whom had three errors.

The correct answers were,—

1. The Fatherhood of God, The Brotherhood of Man, the immortality of the human soul and compensation and retribution for the good or evil done on earth. (G.C.R. 109).
2. In S.C. 91 The Sowers, by Emma Train.
3. Seneca, as ordered by Nero.
4. In L.S. 359 (Celestial Fane) and L.S. 347 (Celestial dome).
5. In L.S. 302 last verse.
6. Sing "Thanksgiving." L.S. 327.
7. "Speak not harshly." S.C. 73.
8. L.S. 343 (Marble shaft solemn and white).
9. G.C. 129. Last paragraph, S.C. 46, and L.S. 385.
10. L.S. 343. Last verse (amaranth flowers).
11. In "Practical Suggestions" before S.C. No. 1.
12. In title pages at front of Manual.
13. A clear conscience. G.C. 126.
14. S.C. 34. 2nd verse.
15. Truth, right and love. M.R. 216.
16. Any quotation from the Talmud.
17. "To seek for the principles of right, and to live them out to the utmost of thy power. G.C.R. 109.
18. "To struggle against powerful wrong, to try to raise men to the highest deeds they are capable of." G.C.R. 135.
19. Truth. M.R. 216. 2nd Conductor's part.
20. G.C.R. 148 and "Outlines of Spiritualism" mentioned at the end of Manual after the Index, also references to "A. J. Davis Lyceum Manual" at front of Manual.

The following deserve Honourable mention.—Edith Durreat, Elsa Bird, Florence Harvey, Gilbert Fanshawe

Gladys Guy, Alfred Cretney, Muriel Hine, Caroline Groom, Lennard Small, Dorothy and Gordon Snook, Mrs. Cook, Victor Strong, Mary Hayward, Mrs. Ger-shon, Helen Jones and Raymond Lawrence.

Test No. 18. Junior Section.

Age not to exceed 14 years.

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

What Manual titles are hidden in the following sentences,—

1. I saw one little tit passing a crumb to another.
2. Wait there for me until I return.
3. I wonder how Orkney Islanders like this cold winter.
4. The teacher put Ruth in her right place.
5. You know that Ethel pothers needlessly.
6. Give the sex of Goat, Hen, Ewe, Ram, and Doe.
7. The idea that there is no death is gaining ground.
8. I believe sperm is animal seed.
9. Don't buy the beautiful gate for the mansion.
10. Each omen has a different meaning.
11. The cow is domesticated.
12. He said "How do, Good night, and Hullo, very quickly, in fact without a pause for breath.
13. Of course you know ledgers are used in business.
14. Every child renders service by good behaviour.
15. Her white show hat is no bleached article.

Senior Section.

Open to all Lyceumists over 14.

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

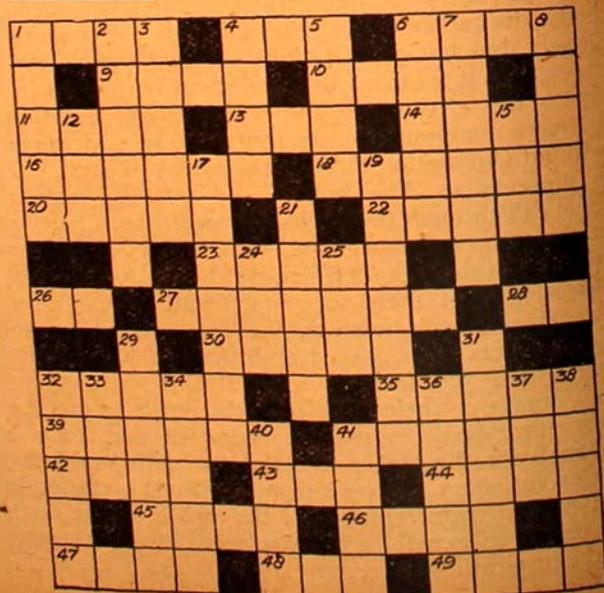
Hidden in this cross-word puzzle is a Lyceum prayer taken from the Manual. Competitors should indicate this very clearly and give its Manual number.

TEST No. 18. COUPON.

Name.....

Address.....

Age (if under 21).....



All entries must be sent to Mr. J. G. McFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, not later than March 22nd, 1930.

CLUES

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| <i>Across.</i>                             | <i>Down.</i>                 |
| 1. A Colour.                               | 1. Furious.                  |
| 4. Pertinent.                              | 2. Messengers.               |
| 6. Support.                                | 3. An errhine.               |
| 9. A little over two inches.               | 4. Interjection.             |
| 10. Animal.                                | 5. Season.                   |
| 11. Pouches.                               | 6. Notices.                  |
| 13. Connector.                             | 7. Publish.                  |
| 14. Animals.                               | 8. Animal.                   |
| 16. Visions.                               | 12. Coil.                    |
| 18. Failures.                              | 15. Period.                  |
| 20. Childish idol.                         | 17. Schools.                 |
| 22. Attempt.                               | 19. Keep.                    |
| 23. Waxes.                                 | 21. Sop.                     |
| 26. Starts off.                            | 24. Tree.                    |
| 27. Reproached backwards;<br>free forward. | 25. occurs daily.            |
| 28. You and I.                             | 29. Splendour.               |
| 30. A fish.                                | 31. Worries.                 |
| 32. Stubble.                               | 32. Of the Goddess of Youth. |
| 35. Stanza.                                | 33. Half animal.             |
| 39. Enter.                                 | 34. Knowledge.               |
| 41. Large body.                            | 36. Thistledown.             |
| 42. Barley.                                | 37. Offspring.               |
| 43. Priest.                                | 38. Famed for witch.         |
| 44. Edge.                                  | 40. Examination.             |
| 45. Government letters.                    | 41. Animation.               |
| 46. Experience.                            |                              |
| 47. Kind.                                  |                              |
| 48. Extremity.                             |                              |
| 49. Ruler.                                 |                              |

For the overseas competitions which had to reach me by the end of January, I am sending prizes to Edith Robinson, aged 10, who at the time of writing had only had four months Lyceum tuition, and Mrs. Englefield. These attempts will be printed in a later *Banner*.

Both of these competitors hail from Dunedin, New Zealand.

A very interesting letter embodying Manual titles was also sent by Miss Burgess, the Conductor of Dunedin Lyceum, but she does not wish it entered as a Competition effort, although the Editor may find space for it as an item of cheery news, later.

Honourable mention is given to Mavis Dobbins, Kathleen Dobbin, Margaret Robinson, Dulcie Prattley and Hazel Prattley.

I will give two further prizes to overseas competitors for the best letters sent me by June 21st, 1930, stating how the Lyceum training has best helped them. These letters must contain at least five Manual titles.

J. G. MACFARLANE.

**SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.**—The National Medium League Branch No. 2, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, held their first examination on Jan. 11th in East Hamilton Spiritualist Church with the great success of 99% passing their first Grade. There was a good number of students. All students have been under one of the most capable leaders we have in our movement, Rev. Hy. Batten, of Hamilton. Students are showing the Spiritualists' National Union of Canada the way of advancement; it is a very great credit to all Hamilton Spiritual Churches also.

Now they are all going strong for the Second Grade and everybody is wishing them every success and is encouraging them to go forward. We know that we shall have some good and qualified speakers on our platforms and we are also trying to encourage all our Lyceumists to take up the study which is held every Thursday evening.

Mr. H. Greaves, District Rep. for S.N.U. of Canada.

District Visitor's Report.

**BOLTON DISTRICT.**—During the last quarter I paid two visits. On Jan. 5th I went to Railway St., Radcliffe, and found the Lyceum under good Conductorship. Singing, readings, and explanations were of the best. Marching and callisthenics and conduct were well maintained. The desire to teach and to learn is noteworthy. On Jan. 12th I visited Bradford St., Bolton, and found everything in good order. Readings and explanations well given. This Lyceum seems to make a speciality of singing, which was very bright indeed. Marching and callisthenics were good. It is pleasing to note some improvements in the groups.—Wm. N. Cliff, D.V.

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.

IN MEMORIAM.

**BLACKBURN, ST. PETER STREET.**—In loving remembrance of our dear Mother, Mrs. Smith, who passed to the Higher Life, March 15th, 1929

'Tis sweet to know that we shall meet again  
Where partings are no more,  
And that the one we loved so well  
Has only gone before.

From her Daughters and family.

In memory of Alice Wheatley, who passed to the Higher Life, Feb. 21st, 1929, also her baby son, Ernest, who passed on Nov. 12th, 1928.—From Joey and Sam.

District Council Reports.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

The above Council held their Annual General Meeting at Smethwick on Saturday, February 8th. Election of Officers—*President*: Mr. Frost; *Vice-President*: Mr. Smith; *Secretary*: Mr. E. C. Heaton; *Assistant Secretary*: Miss Brown; *Treasurer*: Mr. Maybury; *Associates' Representative*: Mrs. Shakespeare; *District Visitor*: Mr. Warilow; *Auditors*: Mrs. Smith and Mr. Wright.

A vote of thanks was passed to all retiring Officers. The B. & D.L. D.C. wishes all Councils and Lyceums every success in the future.—Ernest C. Heaton, Sec.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The above Council held the A.G.M. on Saturday, Feb. 15th, in the Bolton, Bradford St. Spiritualist Church.

Mr. E. Walsh presided until the arrival of the President, Mr. Charnley.

The Minutes and correspondence were accepted and adopted. Arising from the correspondence the District Visitor was instructed to visit Leigh, Evans St. Lyceum, with a view to them becoming members of the District Council.

The Secretary's, Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports were accepted. The Balance Sheet showed a balance in hand of £3 2s. 4d.

The President's address was short but very interesting. The Adjudicator's Report showed Bolton, Bradford St. Lyceum to be the winner of the Shield. Arrangements are to be made for the presentation of the Shield at a future date.

The District Visitor gave good reports of the Lyceums he had visited. He was pleased with the cordial way in which he had been received in all Lyceums.

Election of Officers:—*President*: Mr. J. R. Charnley; *Secretary*: Miss A. Dean; *Treasurer*: Mr. E. Walsh; *District Visitor*: Mr. W. Cliff; *Auditors*: Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. W. Cliff; *Adjudicator*: Mr. F. Jones; *B.S.L.U. Conference Delegate*: Mr. Charnley; *U.D.C. Representative*: Mr. R. Johnson.

Recommendations for nomination for B.S.L.U. Officers for 1930 were made.

It was decided to hold a Demonstration at Bury on May 31st, 1930. A sub-committee was formed to deal with the Demonstration business.

Votes of thanks to the Bradford Street friends for their hospitality closed the meeting.—A. Dean, Sec.

#### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Harker Street Lyceum's rooms on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1930. Our President, Miss Hudson presided over Delegates from Harker Street, Idle, Shipley, Keighley, Laisterdyke and Saltaire, and three Associate Members. The Secretary, Vice-President and District Visitor were in attendance. The Secretary gave the invocation. Tellers: Mr. Swallow and Mr. F. Babbs.

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting read and confirmed. Correspondence was accepted.

The President's Address was accepted. Reports of Secretary, Treasurer and District Visitor were accepted. Various suggestions from the D.V. report were adopted and a Sub-Committee of one Delegate from each Lyceum to go into the matters was formed. The Balance Sheet and Auditors' Report were accepted.

Election of Officers:—*President*: Miss Hudson; *Vice-President*: Miss Boyes; *Treasurer*: Mr. Nicholls; *Secretary*: Mr. E. Aked; *District Visitor*: Mr. W. Simpson; *Auditors*: Mr. Coles and Mr. Hingworth.

Notice of Motion from Laisterdyke re changing of Council meetings from Saturday to Sunday,—it was decided to keep to the same day, Saturday. B.S.L.U. Conference Delegate, Mr. Aked. It was decided that we again be members of the U.D.C.

Re Judge for Shield and Bell Competition: after discussion it was decided that we revert to appointing three Judges:—Mr. E. Aked, Mr. A. Midgley and Mr. Wilford being elected Judges. The rules for competition were left over till next meeting.

Vote of thanks was given to our Officers for services rendered. A letter of sympathy was sent our Treasurer, who continues to be ill. As the time at our disposal had gone the meeting closed.

The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, March 8th.

The Harker Street friends provided a social evening which was nicely attended.

Will all Lyceum Secretaries please note that suggestions for a place for the usual Ramble in the Summer must be sent in for the next meeting.—E. Aked, Sec.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, on Feb. 9th, 15 Officers and Delegates being present.

The President, Mr. Burrows, in his address stressed the apathy of various Lyceums in the District, especially those who did not trouble to send delegates, even to the Annual Meeting; do not reply to Secretary's communications; and do not trouble to return statistical forms duly completed.

The Balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £3 10s. 5½d.

The following Officers were elected:—*President*: Mr. F. Smith; *Vice-President*: Mr. T. Ellis; *Secretary*: Miss G. Halliday; *Treasurer*: Mr. A. Saxon; *D.V.*: Mr. W. Buttle; *Auditor*: Mr. E. Smith; *Delegate to U.D.C. and B.S.L.U.*: The Secretary; *Fraternal Delegate to H. & H. D.C.*: Mr. E. Smith.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Harding, of Wakefield, and Mr. Barnes, of Bradford, had kindly consented to act as Ajudicators for 1931. Lyceums which have not yet returned completed forms please note YOU are holding the scheme up.

It was unanimously agreed that the Council pay the increased fee asked for by the B.S.L.U. It was also decided to ask all Lyceums in the District to nominate Mr. T. Ellis, of Huddersfield as Area Representative.

There was a lengthy discussion on the question of "groups" in the Lyceum—what is meant by the term and what work should be attempted if full marks are to be obtained under the adjudication scheme?

Altogether it was a friendly and instructive meeting, which we hope will bring good results in the future.—G. Halliday, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

"Unity is Strength" is a slogan which has been converted into definite action in the London District during the past month.

On Feb. 1st a united Lyceum meeting was held at the Peckham Church. Over 100 Lyceums were represented, representing the majority of the London Lyceums. A very enjoyable evening was spent and much credit is due to the Secretary, Social Secretary, Mrs. Bell, and her band of helpers.

On Feb. 8th a United Rally was held at Battersea Church. The object of this event being to bring together all workers, with a view to presenting a united front, spreading the Gospel of Spiritualism throughout the London District.

All Officers of the L.D.C. of the S.N.U. and delegates from every Church in the London District were invited, with the result that a large gathering assembled. The programme included short addresses by Mr. H. N. Bolton (L.D.C. S.N.U.), Mrs. Tyler (Battersea Church), Mr. Frazer (President, Lyceum Council), Mrs. A. Calway (Sec., L.L.D.C.), Mr. Myers Clegg and Mrs. Edith Clements. Music formed part of the programme. Pianoforte solos by Mrs. Brown. Solos by Mrs. Bell and Mr. Humphrey. Recitations by Mr. Dearnley Sergeant. Humorous sketch by Miss Hewitt and Mr. Lennard.

It is hoped that this is but the first of many such united efforts amongst the London Lyceums and Churches.

#### NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

On Saturday, Feb. 1st, we held our A.G.M. in the Macclesfield Spiritual Church.

The following Officers were elected:—*President*: Mrs. Edwards; *Vice-President*: Mrs. Ennion; *Secretary*: Mr. E. Lloyd; *Assistant Secretary*: Miss M. Downs; *Treasurer*: Mrs. Craig; *D.V.*: Mr. H. Ennion; *B.S.L.U. Delegate*: Mrs. Springate; *U.D.C. Delegate*: Mrs. Moulton; *Auditors*: Mr. Belcher and Mr. Springate.

Appreciations of services rendered during the past year were expressed to our D.V., Mr. Downs, and *Adjudicator*: Mr. J. Green.

Heaton Norris Lyceum have gained most marks in the Silver Bell Competition for 1929, and our President will present the Bell at their Prize Distribution. E. Lloyd, Sec.

#### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The A.G.M. of the above Council was held on Saturday, Feb. 15th, in the Blackburn Church. Mr. R. Latham was voted to the chair. Mrs. L. Nurse gave the invocation.

Miss M. E. Lawton and Mr. T. Wood were appointed Scrutinisers.

The Minutes were adopted after questions had been answered about Summer School visits to Earby and Barnoldswick.

The President (Mr. C. T. Batley) arrived and accepted the Chair from Mr. Latham.

The Secretary's report quoted the printed post card out of the S.N.U.—B.S.L.U. Arbitration Board.

The Balance Sheet showed Income £26 12s. 3d. Expenses, £24 12s. 9½d. Balance £1 19s. 5½d. Cottage Fund £4. Interim Report £1 2s. 4d.

Arrears of Fees from 1925 to 1929 were £7.

A discussion took place on arrears. The Secretary stated each Lyceum would in future receive an annual statement of their financial position in relation to the D.C. and the B.S.L.U.

The financial report will be circulated to Lyceums after being audited.

The U.D.C. report was given by the Delegate, Mr. A. S. Dickenson.

Miss Lawton reported the re-opening of Dalton Lyceum. Mr. Latham spoke of visits to Colne, Barrowford and Barnoldswick.

Credential Report: E.C. 5. Area Representative 1, Delegates 26 (representing 14 Lyceums). Associates 3. Visitors 8. Total 43. Pooling 10/1 per Lyceum. Four Lyceums were not represented.

The President said he was pleased with the increased attendance. The standard of the Lyceums is high and has increased progress. He appealed for interest in educational matters and financial support of the movement. He thanked all who upheld the work of the Council.

Election of Officers.—*President*: Mr. C. T. Batley.; *Secretary*: Mr. J. Shuttleworth.; *Treasurer*: Mr. T. Wood; *D.V.* (North): Miss M. E. Lawton; *D.V.* (South): Mr. R. Latham; *Auditor*: Mrs. Rawlinson.

It was agreed to recommend Mrs. L. Nurse as Area Representative for Area D.

U.D.C. Delegate, Mr. A.S. Dickenson; B.S.L.U. Conference, Miss Lawton and Mr. A. S. Dickenson.

It was decided to nominate the following at the B.S.L.U. Conference.—*President*: Miss V. G. Rayner; *Vice-President*:

Mrs. L. Nurse; *Treasurer*: Mr. Burrows; *Education Committee*: Miss Lawton, Mr. J. Shuttleworth.

It was passed that the College be officially represented at all B.S.L.U. Conferences by its Secretary.

A discussion produced objections to high priced meals and a desire for good accommodation at the Annual Conferences.

Mr. J. Shuttleworth was appointed Adjudicator for 1930.

The E.C. are to try and arrange a week-end Summer School.

The December D.C. Meeting was changed to the first week-end.

A discussion on the U.D.C. gave the chance for explaining that the U.D.C. could be a filtering ground for Conference business.

Future meetings were arranged at:—Nelson (May), Blackpool (September), Darwen (December). During 1931:—Blackburn (February), Burnley, North Street (May), Preston, Moor Land (September), Burnley, Hammerton Street (December).

It was agreed to start paying fees anew from January, 1929.

A vote of thanks was given to the Blackburn friends in appreciation of hospitality.

#### SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held at Todmorden Roomfield Buildings on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Mr. Hudson, President, in the Chair. Mr. Shaw was elected Credential Officer.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The correspondence and Reports were accepted and dealt with. A good number of associates were enrolled.

Credential Report, 12 delegates representing 9 Lyceums. 4 associates. Pooled expenses 1/3 per delegate.

Election of Officers:—*President*: Mr. A. Hudson; *Vice-President*: Mr. F. Holt; *Secretary*: Mr. J. Nurse; *Treasurer*: Mr. H. Dewhurst; *District Visitor*: Mr. H. Shaw; *Auditors*: Mr. Carter and Mr. Liddle; *Delegate to U.D.C. and Conference*: Mr. J. Nurse.

During the past quarter every Lyceum in the Council has been visited by some officers of the Council, and much good seems to have been accomplished.

The proposed alterations to Bye-Laws by N.E.L.D.C. were discussed and also Conference business.

A vote of thanks was given to the Todmorden friends for entertainment. The Next meeting will be held at Dearnley on May 10th.

J. Nurse, Sec.

#### TEESSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Conference of the above Council took place at the West Hartlepool (Musgrave St.) Lyceum on Sunday 9th February, 1930. The following Officers were elected:—

*President*: Mr. Riley, (Shildon); *Vice-President*: Mr. Jones, (Shildon); *Secretary*: Mr. Nellist, (Middlesbrough); *District Visitor*: Mr. Foster, (Horden); *Executive Committee*: Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. Graham, Miss E. Bonsor, Messrs. Brown, Platt, Jones and Westbrook; *Auditors*: Messrs. Chester and Scorer; *Credential Secretaries*: Messrs. Miller and Platt; *Rep. to Area "B" Candidate*: Mr. Nellist; *Delegate to B.S.L.U. and U.D.C.*: Mr. Nellist.

Minute 231. Agreed that this Council becomes affiliated with N.D.C. Mr. Miller was appointed Representative.

The Children's Manual Committee recommends:—

- (i). That a Children's Section be added to the present Lyceum Manual when revision takes place, and that the "Children's Section" be issued as a separate pamphlet.
- (ii). That contributions received to date be forwarded to U.D.C. for consideration.
- (iii). That a new committee be formed or the present one augmented.

*Notice of Motion for next Conference.*

Re Minute 212 (Re-construction Committee Proposals). Ast. 5.c. Delete the words "other Officers to attend E.C. meetings by request," and add "The District Visitor and Treasurer shall also be members of the Executive Committee."

The Council took part in the Afternoon Session at which a paper by Mr. Jones (Vice-President), entitled "Good and Evil" caused much discussion.

The Evening Services were conducted by the Council.

Thanks are due to West Hartlepool for accepting the Conference in the place of Horden who unfortunately had to cancel arrangements.

Invitations for E.C. Meetings are required for March 22nd, June 21st, Sept. 20th, and Dec. 20th, will Lyceums please oblige?

—Ed, Nellist, A.N.S.C. Secretary.

I never loved those most who thought with me, but those rather who deemed my sentiments worth discussion, and who corrected me with frankness and affability.—Lucullus.

## Special Reports.

**Under this heading, Lyceums whose reports exceed the words allowed in the Table as shown in Rule 2 may have them inserted in full by enclosing 6d. for every extra nine words.**

CALGARY.—Founders' Day. With Miss Ada M. Garrad acting as conductor a very successful and instructive Lyceum was held. Pearls by every one present, bearing on Andrew Jackson Davis, were given. Readings by James Brown, Elsie Peters and Vivian Mattison were very much enjoyed. Pianoforte solos by Margaret Dams, Jean Poyser and Victor Dams. Solos by Raymond Parkyn and Jennie Dietiker, and a Vocal duet by Victor Dams and Lena Peters gave inspiration to all.

Miss Garrad spoke on the wonderful work of the Lyceum and the training it gave to all that would attend and do their part. She urged all Lyceumists to keep up their Lyceum Training.

Wishing every success to all other Lyceums.

H. E. Thomson, Sec.

LANCASTER, Great John Street.—On February 2nd we had the privilege and pleasure of a visit from Mr. Knott, who came to Lancaster to present the prizes on our Lyceum Day. We enjoyed two splendid sessions, morning and afternoon, and Mr. Knott seemed to take as much delight in handing out the books (48 in number and nearly all "firsts") as the children who joyfully received the reward of their labours.

In the evening our General Secretary gave a splendid address, and though the audience was scanty, the Lyceumists were well rewarded by the encouragement given to them by the words and visit of Mr. Knott.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—Saturday, Jan. 25th. Anniversary Tea and Party. A bumper success, thanks to the generosity and help of many friends. About 100 Lyceumists and visitors sat down to a beautiful tea, and then followed a glorious evening for young and old. Games, a play by Lyceumists, Punch and Judy, and distribution of presents by Santa Claus soon passed the evening away. A pleasing ceremony was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet to our Conductor, Mrs. Soones, as a mark of esteem.

Jan. 26th, many friends were present at the Annual Prize Distribution. Mr. Clegg, who had a cheery word for everyone, distributed the prizes. Medals for exceptional attendance and good conduct were won by—1st. year Maisie Haughton; 2nd year, Harry Soones and Florence Christopher; won outright and 3rd. year, chains for medals Winnie Copelin and Gertie Webb. Greetings were exchanged with the L.D.C. visitors and affiliated Lyceums, Manor Park and Skegness. Our Church President, Mr. G. W. Mason, gave a short address and expressed pleasure at the good work undertaken. Mr. A. T. Connor also gave a few cheery words and stressed the need for the Education Scheme. Many fine musical items and recitations were rendered. It was altogether an inspiring and harmonious week-end.

Open Session, Feb. 2nd, ably conducted by Mrs. Soones. Good attendance in spite of rain, to welcome an old friend and Stratford Lyceumist, Mr. A. T. Connor, who took for his subject, "The early boyhood struggles and final achievement of Alfred Kitson." Pearls and general responses were good. Recitations were enjoyed from Lila Simms, Joyce Capper, Doreen Walters, Betty Haughton, Kenay West, Harry Soones, Stanley Moseley and a song by Molly Stoffer.

R. H. Bates, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—We had a very special treat on Jan. 23rd, with a party in honour of the coming of age of our Musical Conductor (Miss Hulley). All the Lyceumists and the Committee of the Church were present. The supper was given by Mrs. Pimblott who received a hearty vote of thanks.

The Conductor, Mrs. Challinor, made the presentation of a lovely fruit stand from herself and the members of the Lyceum.

The Secretary joined in the thanks and good wishes for the five years of work that Miss Hulley had given.

Miss Dean was presented by Mrs. Pimblott with a wool jacket and lovely bouquet for her work as Guardian in Lyceum and Gym.

Games, dances, etc., were enjoyed by all. Songs were given by Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Henshaw and Miss Hulley. A duet by Mrs. Edmondson and Mrs. Henshaw. All the items were deservedly encored.

Feb. 6th Election of Officers.—*Conductor*: Mrs. Challinor; *Assistant*: Mrs. Holland; *Secretary*: Mrs. Rushton; *Musical Conductor*: Miss Hulley; *Assistant*: Norman Read; *Guardian*: Miss Dean; *Guards*: Sylvia Bamford, Betty Kenyon, George Read, Stanley Royle; *Leaders*: Mrs. Holland, Miss Dean, Mrs. Rushton, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Henshaw, Mr. Carter, Miss Elsie Cotterill; *Librarian*: Mr. Carter.—H. Rushton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—Jan. 26th, Liberty Group, Speaker, Mr. Dixon, subject, "Some Teasing Questions." After an interesting paper many varied questions were asked and answered which opened big avenues of thought. After a pleasant afternoon a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Dixon.

Feb., 15th A Social and Dance was held in aid of the M. & S. L.D.C. Pooling Scheme, which was well attended. The Eger-ton Dance Orchestra played appropriate dance music. The songs and recitations were well rendered by Mrs. Roberts, Miss Whitehead and Miss Bayliffe.—R. H. Bayliffe, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—Open Session, Feb. 2nd. A good attendance. The Session was conducted by Mrs. Longcake. Pearls and recitations by Grace and Margaret Welsh, May Armitt, Grace Cooke, Mrs. Wilson, Dolly Sutherland, Chrissie and Evelyn Lindsay, Molly Waterson, Margaret McNaughton, Mrs. Armitt, James and Alex Lindsay, Jack Tracey, Albert and Mr. Pearson, Mr. Longcake. Solos by May Armitt, Margaret Welsh, Molly Waterson. Duet by Mrs. Welsh Mr. Pearson and Evelyn Lindsay. Solos by Mr. Longcake, Molly Waterson, Margaret and Grace Welsh. Marching and callisthenics were nicely done, led by our Assistant Conductor, Mr. Pearson.

A beautiful naming ceremony was performed by our Conductor, Mrs. Burley, on Jan. 10th, when the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston was given the earthly name of Inga Elizabeth and the spirit name of "Rosebud." The service all through was harmonious. A happy atmosphere could be felt and proved a great help to our Conductor when performing the ceremony. Each Lyceumist placed flowers on the baby.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

LONDON, Rochester Square.—On Jan. 11th a party for Lyceumists. 40 children and 15 adults sat down to a tea which was quite a success. Snowballs and crackers were given to the children. These were greeted with such gusto as has never been heard before in a Lyceum. Games, competitions and entertainments were thoroughly enjoyed. We had a ventriloquist, a professional clown, and a duet in character by two adult Lyceumists. Half-way through the evening the children were presented with gifts, sweets and fruit. The party was enjoyed by all and the evening was an outstanding success.

We had with us Mr. Clegg (the father of the London movement) and Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe, also pioneers of Lyceumism. All three expressed their great pleasure at our party.

A Xmas pageant was given by the Lyceum in the Church on Jan. 25th, also some scenes from Dicken's "Christmas Carol." The part of "Scrooge" was very ably taken by Mr. Geo. Pressler, and of "Bob Cratchet" by Mr. Walter Pryer. This was a very great success and it is hoped to render this again at some suitable time. The funds from this entertainment are to be used for giving a tea to poor local children.

Feb. 8th. Whist Drive. The proceeds of this were for Church funds. There was quite a good attendance. We are hoping to hold a Whist Drive once per month, and a social once per month also, in aid of Church funds.—D. M. Jordan, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—Our Lyceum Sessions improve every Sunday, both numbers and work.

On 15th Feb. we held a social which was a great success, everybody declaring they were sorry when it was over. It also resulted in some of our visitors joining our Lyceum. We are looking forward to more socials and hoping for the same results. Greetings to all.—B. Rayment, Sess. Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—On Jan. 26th we held a special Session for Founder's Day. Our Conductor, Mr. Forrest, gave a most instructional and inspiring talk on the Origin of the Lyceum and its progress up to the present day, and Mr. Forrest after a life-time of Lyceum work spoke in a most convincing manner.

On Feb. 2nd we held our Open Session and had the best session yet. We were favoured with a visit from our Old Country Lyceumists, Mr. J. H. Dodgson, of Liverpool, and Mr. J. Brown, of Liverpool, who favoured us with a visit.

We had pearls and recitations from Harry Forrest, A. Fairbairn, Mr. Forrest, Harry Towns, Mrs. Gorgeaves, Daisy Knox, Irene Turner, Mrs. King, Miss M. Anderson. We had a solo by Mrs. Knox and duet by Mrs. Gorgeaves and Mr. H. Forrest. The following Lyceumists sang No. 388 in the Lyceum Manual:—Irene Turner, Olive Forrest, Daisy Knox, Hazel Dale, Harry Towns, and Harry Forrest. Pianoforte duet by Olive and Harry Forrest. Our Lyceum extends a cordial invitation to any Lyceumists who come over here. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.—Evelyn Hargreaves, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

**RULE 1.**—Reports must be written in ink or typed on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.

**RULE 2.**—Record only the events occurring after Feb. 19th.

**RULE 3.**—Lyceums taking 1 dozen copies are allowed free insertion of 25 words; 2 dozen, 50 words; 3 dozen, 75 words; 4 dozen copies or over, 100 words.

Additional words to be paid for at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. This Rule does not apply to Lyceums numbering fewer than 30 members.

**RULE 4.**—All Reports must reach this Office not later than March 26th to ensure insertion in the April issue.

**RULE 5.**—Colonial Reports, if posted to the LYCEUM BANNER within 7 days after the events reported, will be inserted in the next issue after receipt at the BANNER Office.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—On Feb. 9th we held Open Session with a good Lyceum. Pearls were given by E. Bartlett, M. Bradshaw, Miss N. Smith, Miss E. Tabiner. Recitations by William C. Livesey, C. Godden, Solo by Mr. E. Howarth. Duet by W. White and F. Holgate.—Miss Holgate, Sec.

BARNESLEY, North Pavement.—On Jan. 26th we held Open Session in the afternoon. The children received prizes for attendance. Mr. Rollinson, of Wath, distributed them. We had 32 visitors.

On Monday we had a social which was enjoyed by everyone.—Mrs. Howe, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—On Jan. 4th we held our Xmas Party. Father Christmas came with presents for all. We also had a large Xmas tree loaded with presents. All had a very enjoyable time.—Mrs. C. Shakespeare, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—Jan. 26th we held our Open Session. The following rendered items—Recitations by C. Walley, H. Railton, Mr. Walsh, C. Railton, F. Holding, C. Derbyshire, E. Rothwell. Solo by E. Hopper. Mrs. Pickles, of Blackpool, was our speaker for the Lyceum Day. A very good Session. About 150 present.—T. Wood, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Jan. 26th, Founder's Day, we held our Open Session. Items by Leslie Driver, Norman Clements, Irene Hobster, Ronald Percival, Avis Bown, Marion Leverton. Pearls by Mr. Bown and Mr. Hobster. The Mystery Cracker was pulled by Mr. Ackerill and Miss Campbell.

Feb. 2nd, Open Session. Items by Sidney Hobster, Irene Hobster, Evelyn and Norman Clements, Marion Leverton, Leslie Driver, Avis Bown, Ronald Percival. Song by Joyce Godley. Pearl by Ken. Widdowson.—May Wheatley, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Feb. 2nd, Open Session, conducted by Mr. T. Croke. Opened by Miss Woodcock. Our Conductor read a very interesting and instructive story to the children called "The Key of the Castle." Pearls by Misses E. Rowley, E. Scholes, L. Wilson, and I. Wilson. Recitations, E. Rowley, E. Scholes. Solos by Miss A. Wilson. Two of our young scholars sang a duet. Mrs. Burley was our speaker and she spoke a few words to the children and also gave words of encouragement to each Lyceumist. Miss Robinson was pianist. The session was enjoyed thoroughly.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

COVENTRY, Broadgate.—The "Spirit of Open Session" was very imminent at our Lyceum on Feb. 2nd, 26 pearls

being given. Recitations were contributed by J. Coe, L. Phillips, E. Tune, Mr. Blaby (this gentleman is 82 years of age), A. Dalton, D. Tompsell. Reading by Mr. Coe. Musical efforts were given by: Pianoforte solos, Miss I. Upham and Miss M. Sharpe. Violin solos by Mr. Surman, and a song by Mrs. Coe, making a very interesting and enjoyable Session.—Mrs. E. Hutchinson, Sec.

**DONCASTER**, Catherine Street.—We held our opening Session Feb. 2nd, conducted by Mrs. Maltby, invocation by Mr. Bates, the following Lyceumists taking part in pearls and recitations: L. Middleton, M. Holloway, M. Wattam, A. Ball, O. Ackroyd, L. Gomersall, F. Gomersall and Mrs. Nutter, thus making it a successful session.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EARBY**.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 2nd. The following Lyceumists took part:—Recitations by Frank Clarke Dennis Seddon, Ronnie Clough, Jack Hancock, Olive Wilkins, Nancy Hodgkinson, Mary Chadwick. Duet by F. Clarke and D. Seddon. Liberty Group sang 363 L.M. Although we were only a few in number we had a good time together.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

**EDINBURGH**. Association Lyceum.—Annual Meeting held on Feb. 2nd, and in spite of various difficulties and small numbers the working during the past year was very satisfactory indeed. The chief officers are—*Conductor*: Mr. Niven; *Assistants*: Messrs. Rankin, G. Cobb and Blaik; *Secretary*: Miss Stevenson; *Treasurer*: Miss Neilson; *Guardians*: Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Forbes, and Mrs. Houston.—D. Stevenson, Sec.

**FLEETWOOD**.—Jan. 25th Prize Distribution and Social. Over 30 prizes were presented to our Lyceumists by the Conductor, Mrs. Firth.

On Jan. 26th, Founder's Day, we held three Sessions.

In the afternoon recitations were given by Ruth and Dorothy Harris, Clifford Wright, Phillip Payne, Minnie Wright, Violet Forshaw, and Evelyn Boe. Pianoforte solo by Doris Parkinson. Solos by Mrs. Church, Mrs. Parkinson and Laura Moore. Duets by Edith Richardson and Irene Watkins, Nora and Frank Harris. Mr. Batley named a little one in the Lyceum, Vera Doreen, spirit name "Charity."

An enjoyable week-end was spent and we thank all who helped to make it a success.

On Feb. 2nd. Mr. Batley again named another little one, Margaret, spirit name, "Peace."—L. Vollans, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD**.—Feb. 2nd, Open Session, conducted by Mr. Doswell. Silver Chain read by P. Doswell. Golden Chain by Miss Pickvance, Annie Aspden and Rosa Bagshaw. Solos by Mrs. Doswell and Mr. Haworth. A musical item was given by Mr. Cross and Mr. Baron. The session was thoroughly enjoyed.—H. Norris, Sec.

**GRIMSBY**.—On Sunday afternoon. Feb. 2nd, we had our Pleasant Sunday when the following gave items:—Recitations by H. Letch, H. Shaw, V. Chapman, G. Humberston and M. Trash. Songs by R. Humberston, G. Watts, J. Chapman, and P. Stanham.—P.S., Sec.

**HANLEY**.—Jan. 5th, election of Officers:—*Conductor*: Mr. Rowley; *Assistant*: Mr. Mason; *Treasurer*: Mr. Pemberton; *Secretary*: Mrs. Mason; *Leaders*: Mrs. Pemberton, M. Bailey, E. Austin, E. Martin, Mrs. Mason, Mr. Brook, Mr. Hill, Mr. Pemberton and W. Brock. *Guards*: E. Mason, N. Stanley, B. Mason, G. Cordall and B. Baddeley; *Pianists*: M. Sherratt and M. Sims. *Musical Supervisor*: Mr. Hassall.—A. Mason, Sec.

**HYDE**, George St.—On Jan. 26th, we held our Lyceum Session and Prize Distribution. The Afternoon Session was taken from the BANNER. A good number of recitations were given by the children.

In the evening 35 prizes were presented by Mr. Wright for regular attendance and four special prizes were given by Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Melton for recitations. These were won by Alice Plevin, May Bowker, George Plevin and Ernest Cartwright. A good number of friends from Denton gave us a visit. N. Cartwright, Sec.

**IDLE**.—Lyceum Day, Feb. 9th, conducted by Mrs. Farrow, of Bradford. Solos by Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Illingworth. Recitations by Mrs. H. Barnes, Master J. Allen, Master J. Illingworth and Miss B. Hardhaker.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Farrow occupied our platform, —A. Illingworth, Sec.

**JARROW**, Ellison St.—Jan. 12th. Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. Hardwick; Assistant, Agnes Dunn; Secretary,

Mr. H. Lavery; Treasurer, Mrs. Dunn; Musical Director, Mr. Hardwick; Guardian, Mr. Curtis; Organist, Mr. Dunn; Captain of Guards, Mr. Hardwick; Guards, George Walker, Inez Hardwick; Leaders, Miss E. Holland, Miss Dunn, Agnes Dunn, Mr. Lavery. Auditors, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Hardwick; Sick Visitors, Mrs. McLachlan and Mrs. Curtis; Leaders of Callisthenics, Mr. Hardwick and Miss Dunn.—H. Lavery, Sec.

**LANCASTER**, Alliance.—Open Session, Feb. 2nd. The following contributed:—Recitation by Florrie Dennison; Solo by Miss M. Hewitt. Pianoforte solo by Miss Alice Jones. The Session was enjoyed by all. Fraternal greetings to all.—A. F. Rushworth, Sec.

**LEICESTER**, Rupert St.—Feb; 2nd, Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part:—Misses E. Goldsmith, D. Goldsmith, E. Wicks, M. Coysh, and Master W. Coysh.

Feb. 16th we had Dr. T. Timson with us. He kindly distributed the prizes to the scholars and also gave a short address asking each one to build up the Lyceum.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

**LINCOLN**, Coultham St.—We held our New Year Party on Jan. 29th. After tea a very enjoyable social evening was spent. Parents were invited and all voted it a huge success. Our Lyceum Session is held every Sunday afternoon at 2-30 p.m.—N. Willey, Sec.

**LONDON**, Lewisham.—We are most pleased to report the re-opening of Lewisham Lyceum on Feb. 16th, by our beloved President, who appealed to us to stand united, giving strength not only in deeds but in thoughts. A letter was read from "Uncle Bert" regretting his absence but urging us to go forward. "Our Gladys" (Miss Last) ably conducted the Session and will continue in this office to help us on to success. We extend our grateful thanks to Mr. Bell, of Bowes Park, who so kindly helped to make our Session happy and successful. The afternoon was brought to a close with greetings from other Lyceums, which will be a lasting memory to all who were present.—M. Donald, Sec.

**LONDON**, Tottenham and Edmonton.—We are living up to our name, Progressive. During the last month, we have enrolled 15 new members, "The Workers Win."—W. H. Markham, Sec.

**LONDON**, Walthamstow.—Open Session, Feb. 2nd, conducted by our new Conductor, Mr. Thomas. The Conductor of Tottenham Lyceum and her daughter paid us a visit. All enjoyed the Session.—Mrs. L. G. Hopkins, Sec.

**MANCHESTER**, Harpurhey.—On Jan. 26th we held our Open Session. Readings, recitations, marching and callisthenics were well carried out. There was an excellent attendance, 9 Lyceums being represented. We were complimented on our continued progress. Altogether they were very enjoyable 5th Anniversary Sessions.—H. Hunter, Lit. Sec.

**MANCHESTER**, South.—We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd. Mrs. Lamb was in the Chair. There were 31 members present and the various reports given showed that progress had been made during 1929. Election of Officers:—*Conductor*, Mr. Sherran, *Assistant Conductor*, Mr. Hope, *Guardian*, Miss Whalley; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Lamb; *Secretary*, Mr. Woodcock; *Trustee*, Miss Eastwood; *Captain of Guards*, Mr. Kenneth Hamer; *Guards*, Miss Annie Hope and Mr. Vivian Broughton; *Musical Director*, Miss Booth; *Marching Conductor*, Miss Lamb; *Guild Leader*, Mr. Sherran; *Group Leaders*, Mrs. Sherran; *Miss Lilliotte*, *Miss Potter*, and Mr. Hope; *Delegate*, Miss Sellars; *Auditor*, Mr. H. Pitt; Mrs. Lamb the retiring Conductor, thanked all Officers and Members for the support given to her during her term of office.

**MIDDLESBROUGH**, Grange Rd.—On Feb. 2nd we held Open Session. Mr. Ed. Nellist conducted. Recitations and musical items were given by Charlie Taylor, Tim Naylor, Ruth Stephenson, Olive Hudson, Freda Wilson, Doris Hudson, Molly Wilson, Maud Wilson, Beatrice Taylor, Nance Pierson and Mary Taylor. A very enjoyable session.—Kitty Gibson, Sec.

**PRESTON**, 68, Lancaster Rd.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 2nd. The following contributed:—Mrs. Rae, the Misses E. Curtis, E. Huckin, and A. Curtis, Messrs. M. Holder-ness, C. Curtis, and D. Rae. A pleasant Session.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

**PRESTON**, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 2nd. Recitations were rendered by Ronald Holt, Harold Kilner, Connie Tallon. Several good pearls were given with an explanation from each Lyceumist. The marching and callisthenics were very well done.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St.—We held our Lyceum Open Session on Jan. 19th. We had many visitors who passed complimentary remarks as to the way they were conducted.

The Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—Conductor, Mr. W. N. Platt; Assist., Mrs. Platt; Master H. Morris; Secretary, Mr. M. Harper; Callisthenics Conductor, Miss E. Whitehead; Master J. Frost; Guardians, Miss Whitehead, Mr. Dewsnap; Sick Visitor, Mr. Dewsnap.—M. Harper, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 26th, Founders' Day Programme. Mr. Armitage conducted the Session. The Cracker was opened and everybody was interested. Mr. Carnley, of Thurnsco, the evening speaker, spoke a few encouraging words to the Lyceum. Recitations by Cyril Stag, Misses Fukes and May Mason. The usual marching and callisthenics. A good Session.—E. Johnson, Sec.

STOCKPORT.—At Heaton Norris Spiritual Church on Saturday, Feb. 15th, the Annual Tea Party and Prize Distribution was held. Prizes were distributed by the Conductor, Miss Griffiths.

A most pleasing item was the Presentation of the Silver Bell by the President of the Council, Mrs. Edwards, who spoke a few encouraging words and wished us every success in the future.

The rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent in dancing and games.—Mrs. E. Deplitch, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—Open Session, Feb. 2nd. We had a number of pearls and recitations by Kenneth Dodsworth, Arthur Ruddock, and Marcelle Bramley. Song by the Liberty Group and duets by Mrs. Ruddock and Mr. Millar, and Mr. Ruddock and Mr. Crawford.—J. Crawford, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Musgrave St.—The result of the Knowledge Test arising from replies to 15 Questions has been judged as follows:—Nora Jefferson (most details correctly answered) 14, Norman Jefferson 14, Ronnie Macklam 12, John Macklam 11, Zillah Ward 10. Those with below ten correct answers are John Clarke, A. Ayres, Flor. Walker, Eva Clarke, Valeta Scott.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Prize Distribution on Feb. 17th. 150 sat down to tea. Mr. Paskel, Hon. Member, presented 46 prizes to Lyceumists. A social evening followed.—William Guest, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session, Feb. 3rd, conducted by E. Dryden. Lyceumists responding were, D. Douglas, E. Hobson, Elsie Hobson, L. Bell, Isa Gransbury, Mr. Maddison, L. Dryden, J. Douglas, K. Cahil, D. Hoensby, S. Johns, M. Johns, A. Watson, and W. Hardy.—Mrs. A. Dryden, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—Feb. 2nd., Anniversary. Prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. C. Brittain. Pearls, recitations and solos were excellent during an exceedingly happy and spiritual afternoon.—M. Gardener, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session Feb. 2nd. Conductor, Mr. T. Fazackerley, Assistant, Miss Kenniford. Musical Director, Mr. E. Crossley. Recitations by Ivy Kenniford, May Godley, Walter Swift, N. Laycock. Solos by N. Laycock, R. Swift, Miss J. Kenniford. Duets by Miss Ivy Shuttleworth and Mr. A. Laycock, Mr. T. Fazackerley and Miss H. Swift, Ivy Kenniford and E. Jackson. The Session was thoroughly enjoyed. Hoping for a good attendance at our social events, March 15th and April 5th.—A. Laycock, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Feb. 2nd. Open Session. Recitations by Mr. Taylor, Leslie Hamilton, Mr. Edwards, Elsie Makin, Clifford, Noel, and Edna Jones. Solos nicely rendered by Lilian Harding, Eileen Edwards, Gwennie Watson, Beattie Callaghan, Albert Thompson, and Percy Woodley. A very pleasant Session indeed.—Miss Dunn, Sec.

BURNLEY, North St.—On Jan. 26th we held our Annual Prize Distribution. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Musgrove, of Accrington, who also distributed the prizes. There were visitors from Earby, Barnoldswick, Rawtenstall, Hamerton St., and Nelson. We had Open Sessions afternoon and evening. Recitations, etc., were rendered by the children. A real enjoyable and memorable day to all present.—Miss B. Laycock, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Jan. 26th. Open Session conducted by Mr. J. H. Collier. Opening Hymn 328. Silver Chain 93. Musical Reading, 211. Pearls 13. Recitations by the following.—Cyril Hey, Mr. H. Gregory, Crissie Greenwood, Dorothy Dunn,

Kathleen Stott, Edie Day, Susan M. Margaret Greenwood, Mr. Gregory. Duets, Mr. S. Watson and Mr. A. Oakes, Margaret Nixon and Gertrude Bennett. In the above we had the Bumper Mystery Cracker pulled by the youngest Lyceumists, and Mr. Kitson was to have read the story, but owing to the small print, Mr. J. Whittle read it to the whole Lyceum. An enjoyable Session was spent and we thank all who helped to make it a success.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

HORWICH.—On Jan. 25th we held our Prize Distribution and Social at which our late Conductor, Mr. Heath, presented the prizes.

On Jan. 26th we held our Open Session and had a very pleasant afternoon with visitors from Bolton, Bradford St.—G. Taylor, Sec.

LEEDS, Psycho.—Founder's Day, Jan. 26th. In the afternoon we took the BANNER programme.

In the evening the Chairman read a short history of A. J. Davis; then the Lyceumists gave a song. Miss V. Towers rendered a solo, M. Towers and B. Jefferson a duet, Miss L. and E. M. Daisley a dialogue, followed by a few words by Mr. Newton and Mrs. Burley.—A. Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Annual Election of Officers, Feb. 2nd. Conductor, Mrs. Thwaites; Treasurer, Mr. T. Kenney; Secretary, Miss M. E. Vann; Assist. Conductor, Mr. W. Beck; Guardian, Mrs. Noon; Musical Conductor, Mr. S. Kenney; Marching Conductor, Mr. Jayes; Guards, Stanley Clements, Doris Jayes, L. Garratt.

Open Session, Feb. 9th. Children's contributions were rendered very nicely. Recitations,—Lily Jayes, Betty Crossley, Jacky Whitbread, Miss Hurst, Elsie Clements, Yvonne de Houx, Joyce Beck. Solo by Miss Chamberlain. Duets, Doris Jayes and Lavinia Garratt, Joyce Beck and Yvonne de Houx. We send our thoughts to our Conductor and hope she will soon be restored to health again.—Margaret E. Vann.

LLANDUDNO.—We held our 12th Anniversary Christmas Tea and Entertainment on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Great enjoyment was shown throughout the day by young and old. The tea was generously given to the children by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, members of the Lyceum and Church, as a gift to us before they left to reside in another town. They also gave sweets, crackers, and streamers, and another member gave some indoor fireworks. The last of all was a very large Xmas tree which was laden with presents for each one. The tree was given to us by another friend.

On New Year's Eve we had a Coffee Supper. There were a good number present and they all sat round the fire, singing hymns and carols till the New Year dawned. This supper was given by Mrs. Ford, another member of the Church.—Nancy Jones, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On February 2nd we held our Open Session. Recitations by Jack Lea, Molly Twine, Moris Jayes, Mary Hayward, Vera Chambers. Solos by Jean Sandford, Rosie Sandford. Pearls were given by all. An enjoyable Session was spent together.

Feb. 20th. Annual Election of Officers: Conductor, Mrs. A. E. Hayward; Secretary, Miss G. Stuart-Jones; Treasurer, Mr. Grice; Guardian, Mr. McFarlane; Musical Conductor, Mollie Twine; Captain of Guards, Mrs. Chambers; Guards, Tilly Grice and Betty Lea; Delegates, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hayward. Auditors, Messrs. Pausey and Howell.—C. Stuart-Jones, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—Feb. 9th. Open Session. Individual efforts by the Misses G. Higginbottom, O. Nutt, M. Clive, M. Overment, M. Fox, E. Marples, P. Cook, Nora Nutt, Peggy Cook, Masters E. Marples, H. Cook, W. and A. Nutt, V. Porter, and Miss G. Walker. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.—B. Higginbottom, Sec.

SMETHWICK.—The keynote of our Session held Feb. 23rd was "Goodwill." It was a pleasure to have in our midst an old worker, Mrs. Wilson, who in a few words inspired us ever forward. Wonderful talent was displayed by the ready response to recitations and pearls. We are marching onward and upward.—Victor W. Mann, Assist. Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace.—On the 14th Dec. we held our Annual Xmas Tree Social and Presentation of Prizes. We had a record gathering and the number of prizes that were presented gave a fair indication of the good efforts of the Lyceumists during the year. Several excellent items were rendered, after which a short dance was held.—S. Harris, Sec.