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## LYCEUMISTS' WEDDING.

On Sunday, 18th May, at the conclusion of the morning service which was taken by Mr. Maurice Barbanell, D.N.U., at the Portsmouth Temple, two of the Lyceumists were united in the bonds of holy matrimony before a Church filled to capacity.

The happy couple was Miss Edith Ivy Lilley and Mr. Albert George Pawsey, and the ceremony was conducted by Mr. A. G. Newton, D.N.U., who is the Southern District Representative on the S.N.U. Council.

The bride was prettily gowned in white satin and wore a bridal veil. On entering the Temple, on the arm of her father, the organist played the bridal entry march. The congregation stood until its strains were ended. She was attended by Miss Pawsey, who carried a shower bouquet.

Appropriate hymns were chosen from the Church hymnal, but the service was taken from the Lyceum Manual. Mr. Newton delivered a special homily which one feels was taken sincerely to heart by all who were privileged to hear it.

A large number of Lyceumists attended but were prevented from forming a guard of honour outside the Church as intended, because of a hail storm which raged suddenly as the service was over.

After the signing of the register had been completed and the happy pair had received unanimous congratulations, they left to the strains of the Wedding March.

The best man was Mr. Leonard Lilley, who is also a Lyceumist at the Temple.

A salad bowl with servers from the Lyceum and a set of stainless cutlery from the Church were among the many presents received.

Later, the journey was taken to Birmingham, where the honeymoon is being spent.

## OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

### THE PROBLEM.

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. How 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 opinions of Mr. A. T. Connor, Mr. J. Tinker, Mr. D. Gow and Miss Dean were printed in previous issues (sold out).

### Mr. OATEN'S OPINION.

#### Some thoughts on Spirit Life.

The points raised by the problem presented in the "Lyceum Banner" for February are intensely interesting, and I am glad they are raised, because they compel Lyceumists to think, and think deeply if they are to have intelligent comprehension of what Spiritualism means.

I agree with Mr. Connor and all the great Spiritualists, in asserting that the spirit body is a replica of the physical one in every detail, and that is so because it has been developed side by side with the physical body. The two bodies are built by the same mind working simultaneously on different planes.

The spirit body, therefore, is not something which comes into being at death. It has been there during the whole of one's earth life. It is man's continuous companion, whether he knows it or not. It is possible for us to observe it in operation here on earth. With the majority of men it is generally quiescent—a mere shadow of the physical, but with some people, and at some times, it is very active, and is in occasional contact with the spirit world. Some of us are very conscious of the existence of our psychic bodies. I have seen mine. I frequently use it. I have many times sent it on errands. I shall have to use it when I am dead, and it has always struck me that it may be as well to start using it while I am here. At any rate, the spirit body lives in close companionship with the physical. It does not eat, but it absorbs. It does not excrete, but it discards. It has not a bloodstream in a physical sense, but it has a stream of vital (psychic?) force.

A study of Swedenborg's "Doctrine of Correspondences" would be of value here, and should be useful to the student. There is no need to agree with him in detail, but his "Doctrine of Correspondences" embodies a basic truth. Our bodies are only the vehicle of the mind, and they should be controlled and directed by the mind. It is often true that the physical and animal cravings of the body too often overwhelm our control. Hunger and thirst are such cravings, and should be governed and directed. The glutton and the drunkard are types of individuals who become the slaves of their bodies instead of the controllers.

At death the physical body is discarded, and with it the bodily cravings and the "nature calls" which arise from it. But it must not be forgotten that the mind then comes into control of the spirit body and it tends to continue its accustomed habits. The average person then, becomes the victim of his habits of mind and habits of thought, and these have to be outgrown or

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## The Children's Puzzle.



The first letter of each Flower will give you a Title to be found in the Lyceum Manual. Send your answers to Uncle Bert.



My dear Boys and Girls,

How time flies. When I wrote my last letter to you, I told you about my anticipations for Easter, including my trip to Wales.

Everything concerning this trip went well, and amongst other items of interest Auntie Ruth, Doris and I had the pleasure of taking part in a Juveniles' Rechabites' gathering. "This is a Temperance Society which does great work in pointing out the evil effect of intoxicating liquor has upon Character Building."

It was at this meeting that the Welsh boys and girls proved to us that they could not only sing well by singing "Land of My Father" and other songs in Welsh, but they also conducted their own meeting. Not one child present was left out of their programme. Those who did not sing or recite were called upon to read one of their Temperance songs from their Song Book.

In this way a most interesting evening, which concluded by playing games together, was spent.

Look, you see, I received a few replies as to the correct way to pronounce CWM. Yes, indeed to goodness, I did, but we'll "leave them go," as they

would say in Wales, as unfortunately they were incorrect. There indeed, someone suggested it was Cim, Cam, etc., but the little Welsh boy says indeed to goodness it is CUM, Sir. He did, he did, so now you know. With a little of the Welsh dialect I learned.

Amongst other things I translated a Welsh Song into English, but as I do not think you would understand the spelling of the words, from some foreign language, I will leave that for some later date.

So much for Easter. The next event is Whitsuntide, when we shall have the pleasure of visiting York for the Conference.

Unfortunately owing to the large amount of business I shall not have the pleasure of attending a Session, but I hope to meet some of the children during the week-end there. If there is any news of special interest to you children about the Conference I will tell you next month.

This month I want to say a few words about cooking. In the first place, I want you all to appreciate what a fine cook I am myself. Once when Auntie Ruth was away from home, I decided I would have a great time, so I made myself some pan-cakes. Having prepared a very nice mixture of paste, which looked good enough for pasting wallpaper up with or mounting photographs in an album, I proceeded with a frying-pan. I poured the paste in most carefully and awaited events with great expectation.

Alas! the paste began to rise, and first it looked like Yorkshire Pudding, then burnt dough, and then everything under the sun, except what it was intended for.

Of course some of you experts from your school cookery classes will suggest I ought to have known I had to put some fat in the pan first, but it's too late now.

To show that I was not going to be beaten I covered the object with plenty of jam and devoured it.

After this adventure I made arrangements with a lady at the refreshment shop to provide my dinners for me.

Here is a recipe which you can all follow, and providing you carry out the directions I can assure you the best results. It was given to me by a little girl at the Peckham Lyceum.

"Take a large quantity of happiness and let it simmer without stopping. Put with it a basinful of kindness, then add a full measure of thought for other people. Mix into these a piling tablespoonful of sympathy. Flavour with the essence of charity. Stir well together, and then strain off any grains of selfishness. Let the whole be served with love sauce and fruit of the spirit.

The name of this dish is "A Happy Life."

So there we have something which can be taken with us on a railway journey, pic-nic, or ramble or used in the home, at school and elsewhere. I do hope you will all try it, as I am sure you will be satisfied with the results.

Two other hints I have been given—How to make a sausage roll. Place it in a sloping position and push it. And to make an apple turnover—drop it. And a third one is to make a plum tart—add vinegar. These may be of assistance to early beginners.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 151, words made from the name "Shackleton."

Congratulations to Buryites who succeeded in

compiling a list of 145.

No. 152. "Speak Gently."

THE PICTURE PUZZLE. I regret owing to the size of the picture when reduced to fit the columns on the page, some of the items were not very clear.

Many good answers have been received. Here are my suggestions:—

Aerial, Basket, Church, Door, Eaves, Fence, Gate, House, Ivy, Jumper, Kerb, Motor, Nine, Oil can, Pavement, Queen St. Road, Steeple, Tree, Umbrella, Village, Window, X.Y.Z. (in child's book)

PUZZLE No. 153. How many words can you discover from the words "YORK CONFERENCE."

PUZZLE No. 154. In each of the following lines you have two Cricket teams playing each other.

1. KYSKTEENRORIH. (answer YORKSHIRE —KENT.)
2. SSSRRRLEYAAAUIN.
3. DERROOOIHSTERXFSECRW.
4. WXKCIARWESEDDLIM.
5. EHHERIHSRSPMRIAETSEILEC.

To LONDONERS:—Suggestions have been made to arrange a mid-day meeting place for Lyceumists working in the city where exchange of greetings may be enjoyed, and also where visitors to London could also meet London Lyceumists. As a trial I propose the following points for June. Weather and circumstances permitting I am willing to attend between 12-30 and 1-30, June 5th, Trafalgar Square (Nelson's Column), June 12th St. Paul's Cathedral Steps, June 19th Royal Exchange steps. These fixtures and future arrangements should be confirmed by writing to me.

With love,

2, Villiers Rd., Your loving Friend,  
Osterley Middx. UNCLE BERT.

### £2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumist All,

My report this month is not very exciting, all I have received is 1/- per Mrs. Suffolk, Nottingham, Mechanic's Bookstall, for 1 dozen pamphlets, accepted for sale during January, which I very gratefully acknowledge.

As I have had no application for collecting cards, I must conclude that the time is inopportune for them, or that you do not care for that particular method of raising funds; but, being part of the stock passed on to me when taking over this work, it is my duty to re-introduce them to you. There are 72 squares on a card, each square represents one penny, making it possible to collect in pennies, 6/- on each card. If every LYCEUM had ONE card, they would EVEN-TUALLY fill it. There is no specified time, and therefore, if you sent for a card, and KEPT it before the Lyceumists week by week, it would get filled SOME TIME, and certainly be better than being kept in a box. Do please consider the suggestion, it only needs some-one to be interested. I will set the example, and have two in my own Lyceum, one for the girls and one for the boys, making someone responsible for each. Now do let us make use of these cards in the right way,

by filling them for the £2000 Fund. These are all I have left of the old stock, so do let us try and clear it.

In Founder's Day Effort results, Miss Clara Stuart Jones, Southsea Lyceum, 4/- was not shown, which must have been an omission, as it was included in the list submitted.

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! HERE IT IS. . . . . THAT NEW IDEA YOU MUST NOT MISS. Read it, consider it. Realise the great point that it is going to work TWO ways. Firstly, to serve Lyceums by supplying a need for immediate use, or for any time, and secondly to augment the £2000 Fund. Now are you going to support it? What I am offering is a Musical Recital, composed and arranged by myself, entitled, "The Reality of God." which is suitable for an Anniversary, or any Special Service, to be rendered by Lyceumists to a public audience.

For the past sixteen years my compositions have been rendered with great success at the Anniversary Services of the Nottingham Mechanic's Lyceum, and have been received with appreciation by our critical, although sympathetic audiences.

The piece I am offering is arranged to bring in as many as possible, suitable to the varying ages of Lyceumists, from the child to the adult, including solos and little children's songs. There is one theme throughout expressed in a variety of ways. One point I wish to make clear is that I am not a musical composer. The tunes are all selected from the *Spiritual Songster* or the *Bristol Tune Book*, so that most Lyceums, being equipped with these, will have no expense for music.

I am just introducing the idea to you this month, as I am not quite prepared to quote the price, but rest assured that the same will be sufficiently reasonable to come within the reach of your support; but I promise all particulars for next month's BANNER. I could not just manage to plan it out in detail for this month.

In the meantime, the Conference will be meeting, and I hope to have samples with me, which may be purchased, if desired.

Trusting the idea will have a favourable reception and be supported by all Lyceums. Remember that the profits from the sales of the piece go to the £2,000 Fund, and in addition you will have something helpful and of an interesting and original character for your money. The rendering should also benefit your own funds.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

VICTORIA G. RAYNER,  
Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

### LYCEUM BADGES.

The Lyceum Badges are now in stock. 10½d. each 6 for 4/3, 12 for 8s., post free.

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A rapid sale will give our Adviser great delight, and increase the Union's income. That is Mr. Kitson's aim in enabling the Union to sell the cheap parcels.

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Established in July, 1926, by the Spiritualists' National Union and the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Awards its Associate (A.N.S.C.), Graduate (G.N.S.C.) and Diplomate (D.N.S.C.) Degrees to successful students in the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Sections of the National Joint Education Scheme.

Examinations are held in March (S.N.U. Advanced) and May (All B.S.L.U. Grades and S.N.U. Entrance Examination).

For *The College Booklet*, *The College Guide*, and all information on the activities of the College, write (enclosing 1½d. stamp) to the College Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, F.N.S.C., 13, Claremont Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

### ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SECTION EXAMINATIONS, 1930.

Our B.S.L.U. Examinations were held during the week-end of May 11th, and entrants and sitters from the various Districts are as follows:

District.	Lyceums.	Entered.	Sat.	
Birmingham	.....	2	16	15
Bolton	.....	4	61	51
Bradford	.....	2	28	26
Coventry	.....	1	10	6
Halifax and Huddersfield	.....	6	34	23
Leeds	.....	7	72	54
Liverpool	.....	7	44	35
London	.....	21	282	229
Manchester	.....	10	91	65
N. East Cheshire	.....	2	7	6
N. East Lancashire	.....	11	105	71
Nottingham	.....	10	93	70
Scotland	.....	Nil		
Sheffield	.....	6	80	72
Southern Counties	.....	3	52	39
S. East Lancashire	.....	2	19	19
South Wales	.....	3	47	40
Teesside	.....	3	31	25
Tyneside	.....	13	145	111
Area Lyceum	.....	1	10	10
Dunedin (New Zealand)	.....	1	12	12
<b>Totals</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>979</b>

Considering the scandalous economic conditions at present prevailing in the Districts, the Education Committee are satisfied that this is a splendid result, and are certain that Miss Kitson will be satisfied that Lyceumists all over the Union area have done their utmost to honour her memory and show their appreciation of her devoted work for education. By the time this appears the papers will be in the hands of the Examiners, and we expect to have the full results early in July.

### GRADUATE (S.N.U.) SECTION EXAMINATIONS, 1930.

The results of the S.N.U. Examinations held in March are:—

Grade.	Entered.	Sat.	Passed.	
Intermediate	.....	24	19	15
Subsidiary	.....	10	10	9
Final	.....	8	8	8

Of the eight who passed the Final Grade, four obtained over 75 per cent. of the total marks (300), and thus became eligible for the Graduate (G.N.S.C.) Degree of the College, which has been awarded to them. They are: Mr. A. Bruce (272), of Rotherham; Miss M. E. Lawton (271) and Miss E. F. Lawton (271), of Barrow, and Mr. E. Thompson (235), of Lancaster—all Lyceumists, and the Committee heartily congratulates them on their success. They are the first Graduates under the College Constitution.

For the Entrance Examination, which was held with the Grade V. examination, there were 31 entrants and 28 sitters.

### DONATION.

The Education Committee is pleased to acknowledge donations of thirteen shillings and two shillings from Miss R. Burgess, of Dunedin, New Zealand.

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MRS. E. PALING, "Lucknow," Muriel Road, Beeston, Notts.

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

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## NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE

and

## NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

### GRADUATE SECTION.

Results of Examinations held in March, 1930, by the S.N.U. Education Committee (in alphabetical order of "Towns.")

No.	Candidate.	Town.	Rdg.	Phil.	Evol.	Total.	Class.
1.	George Searle, Clapham		72	72	54	198	First.
2.	John M. Stewart, Croydon		80	84	78	242	Hons.
3.	Henry Barnes, Laisterdyke		94	93	86	273	Dist.
4.	R. Storey Paling, Nottingham		100	94	99	293	Dist.
5.	Lily May Paling, do.		87	63	72	222	First.
6.	Noah Hiscock, Plaistow		81	79	66	226	Hons.
7.	Walter Wilkins, Reading		95	71	67	233	Hons.
8.	Edwin E. Phillips "The"		96	73	74	243	Hons.
9.	Dorothy M. Howe "Spirit-		81	61	93	235	Hons.
10.	Rufus H. Bates "ualists' Students' Alliance."		94	66	66	226	Hons.
11.	W. Leslie Mickels		92	70	53	215	First.
12.	Victor Orchard, Toronto		96	84	55	235	Hons.
13.	Francis Day, Winnington		82	88	76	246	Hons.
14.	Albert Phillips do.		89	77	70	236	Hons.
15.	Edward Saunders do.		77	65	51	193	First.

The above have Passed, and are now eligible for the Subsidiary Grade.

Entered, 24; Sat, 19; Passed, 15; Failed, 4.

### SUBSIDIARY GRADE.

No.	Candidate.	Town.	Rdg.	Phil.	Evol.	Total.	Class.
1.	Julia M. Shaw, Bankfoot		83	73	63	219	First.
2.	Archd. Reynolds, G'head		89	74	84	247	Hons.

1.	Sydney E. Allen, Hucknall	88	58	91	237	Hons.
2.	Marg't M. Barber, L. Ilford	62	87	55	204	First.
3.	Raleigh W. Marks, Newton Heath	89	74	84	233	Hons.
4.	Edward Nellist, Middlesboro'	97	86	79	262	Hons.
5.	Wm. E. Webb, Plaistow	83	75	60	218	First.
6.	Edwin J. Raven, do.	68	68	50	186	First.
7.	Henry C. Guy, S'hampton	86	88	74	248	Hons.

The above have PASSED, and are now eligible for the Final Grade.

Entered, 10; Sat, 10; Passed, 9; Failed, 1.

FINAL GRADE.

No.	Candidate.	Town.	Rdg.	Phil.	Evol.	Total.	Class.
1.	Marg. E. Lawton, Barrow		96	80	95	271	Dist.
2.	Eliz. F. Lawton, do.		94	82	95	271	Dist.
3.	Mary Griffiths, do.		64	52	73	189	First.
4.	Daniel Griffiths, do.		69	52	64	185	First.
5.	Edm. Thompson, L'caster		93	68	74	235	Hons.
6.	Wm. G. Giles, Plaistow		61	72	74	207	First.
7.	Arthur Bruce, Rotherham		91	89	92	272	Dist.
8.	Benj. Partington, S'ford		62	62	60	184	First.

The above Students have PASSED, and all who gained Honours or Distinction are eligible to apply for the Graduate (G.N.S.C.) Degree of the College.

Entered, 8; Sat, 8; Passed, 8; Failed, 0.

ELEANOR PALING,  
S.N.U. Education Secretary.

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transformed by gradual stages. The glutton still wants to eat and the drunkard to drink, not because his new body demands it, but because his mind has been enslaved by the bad habits.

How can he satisfy his wants? It must not be forgotten that he is the same mental person as he was before he died, and he endeavours to use the same methods to gratify his cravings because he knows of no others. He finds himself in a world which is just as real, and just as solid, to him as the world he left, because reality consists to the individual of a measure of attunement between himself and his environment.

It would be as well to ask here, how do we satisfy our wants on earth? This world we live in is largely a man made world. The natural earth consists largely of forests, prairie, swamp and ocean. Man has planted it and drained it. He has built towns, made harbours, cut canals. He has built houses to live in. He has improved nature's grasses and made wheat, improved the wild fruits and herbs until he secured vegetables and orchard products. Out of the raw material of our world man has constructed a world to meet his own needs. He has built temples and made roads, made clothes and books, and established education. These are man's triumphs.

Now, the men who did these things have passed into a spirit world which bears a similar relationship to them as does the physical world, to us, and man learns slowly and by experience. The old Romans did not know that pipes would convey water uphill as well as down, and they built enormous aqueducts across valleys to transport water. To-day, we know that such methods are unnecessary. Man has to learn in the spirit world by experience just as he has here, and he has to fit himself to his new environment. The late war showed how men could fit themselves to an environment to which they had not been accustomed. It is surprising how tens of thousands of men lived in water and mud and filth without even contracting colds. Such conditions would have killed half the men at home.

I believe it perfectly true, then, that the majority of people who pass over in ignorance of the nature of the spirit world endeavour to pursue exactly the same courses as they did on earth. Gradually they learn that there is no need to eat, and as they do so the functionalities of the stomach gradually drop into disuse. The same applies to all the other organs in succession, though the outer form is preserved for untold generations. The nervous and sensory systems become heightened rather than falling into a state of disuse.

Certainly it is true that the spirit world in relation to the people that live there is a material world. There is, however, this difference, that the matter is sublimated and mind acts *more directly* on matter than it does here. For instance, if I desired to present to a class of students a model of our planetary system with a central sun and the planets revolving around it, I should have to elaborate a very complex mechanical instrument with cogs and levers and wheels to support each separate planet, but in the spirit world I could project this into the air by an effort of thought and enable those who were in tune with me, or who had the same desires as me, to see my thought expressed in substance floating in space before them.

We do exactly the same thing by telepathy here, because in telepathy we act in a mental world instead of a physical world. Mind communicates with mind by mental processes, but those mental processes can be made to clothe themselves in the matter of spirit world. Since the matter of that world, then, is more easily manipulated that the matter of this world, there is a quickened degree of progress and evolution, but it must not be forgotten that though matter is more easily moulded it does not preserve its form for the same length of time (if we may speak of time in connection with the spirit world). The oak tree takes forty years to grow, and continues its life for a hundred. The mushroom springs up in a night and is gone in a day. That which is easily brought into being easily fades, and permanence is only secured as long as the thought orcef which built it remains with it to establish cohesion.

Hence, changes occur with greater rapidity in the spirit world because matter responds more readily to thought. One of the consequences of this is that it is comparatively easy to rise from plane to plane in the spirit world because that which has been easily built up is easily destroyed. A spirit body may be discarded by an effort of will when an individual feels that it has become a prison house, and that he is fit for a body more attenuated. In fact, as his mental and spiritual growth proceeds so his body responds to the changes.

Secondly, I cannot guarantee the truth of Mr. Wainwright's statements, though I have read them, but I can quite conceive that individuals whose minds were filled with hatred would continue fighting until such time as their hatred ceased. I believe there were many cases in the late war where soldiers who had been shot, not realising that they had passed from this world into another still found themselves fighting their opponents, perhaps even for months.

Automatic writing, however, should be taken with great caution. It probably lends itself far more to subconscious action than any other form of mediumship, and should not be taken at its face value.

I hope the thoughts expressed may be of value to some of our Lyceumists, but I have only opened a door which gives access to a very large subject.—E. W. OATEN.

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## Unfoldment.

Integrity, stability and perseverance are the mainstay of Lyceums. In every trial that comes our way there is a test of our mettle. Not only have we to face our difficulties and overcome them, but we have also to be constantly thinking of progress to justify the practise of our principles.

Not only is it our accepted task to teach the seven principles, but we have the extended objects outlined in our Constitution: to propagate all methods that improve the general conditions of a work-a-day world.

We are primarily interested in the welfare of children and their adequate education. We must be constantly studying advanced methods to be in the forefront of other educational bodies. We can help religion, philosophy and science by studying and examining the source of precocious thoughts arising in children's minds, so that they may not think too quickly and obtain false perceptions.

The many avenues of inducing interest aroused by curiosity will provide a ready means of producing attention. Children like experimental and objective lessons to explain how things work and happen. Botany is an excellent example which gains the interest of children when practical lessons are given in the groups. To show a child a shoot and a root is much more satisfactory than to tell it there are such things.

It is absolutely essential that young children should have object lessons. Their minds cannot grasp abstruse truths. Failing objects, we can provide a picture, drawing, or sketch the objects on a blackboard. In the early lessons given in the BANNER for Lyceumists there was always a blackboard lesson.

Older children are helped to write difficult and uncommon words when they see the words written on a board. In the story of Hydesville many young people stumble over the spelling of 'Lucretia Pulver.'

It is surprising how few Lyceum Leaders read the Practical Suggestions, or the Officers' Section of the *Lyceum Manual*. This is proved by the queries sent to the Union's office. How to make Group Badges; subjects suitable to the various ages; a word to Group Leaders, and objects of the Children's Lyceum are apparently not often read.

The Ex-Lord Mayor of Nottingham has been reading

the *Manual*. The book is new to him and he has been very much impressed by the teachings.

The Minister of Education has visited a Lyceum, and he, too, has expressed his delight with our methods.

There are many phases of our work completely untouched by many Lyceums. We shall probably find one of the chief reasons of the decline in membership is due to the lack of retaining continued interest by using too much the methods of rote and formal routine.

Variation of methods adds interest and keeps young people interested and active. Inductive reasoning is a faculty that needs awakening in most children. Mental gymnastics are as necessary as physical exercises to growing boys and girls.

It is really an easy step from the destructive to the constructive habit if we begin with simple things. There need be no more human automata who allow others to think and then follow the example. Every child has his own peculiar temperament and undeveloped powers. We, materially, all need the same natural necessities of pure air, water, food, etc., but even these vary in quantity with each person.

It is much more important that the varied minds shall have adequate consideration and opportunities for development, for by these methods we shall be able to more fully understand what our bodies require, and thus have a human machine that will give us an opportunity to think clearly.

It is most essential we should know ourselves in some degree before we approach an attempt to understand and guide younger minds. Truth may be, and in fact is, its own vindication, but we need to understand its laws as expressed in nature before we begin to know its value and application.

The first faculty of a child seems to be to want to grasp all it sees. Later the child begins to imitate whatever is attracted by its attention. As the parents are usually nearest to the baby, he will copy what the parent does. Eventually the child may reach the Lyceum and again we find the child learns order and discipline, moral codes and conduct, from the methods of the elders.

Sometimes conflicting emotions arise, and then we help or mar the true progress in the child's mind by what we say and do.

If the interest is maintained a Lyceumist often aspires to some minor office, and those who have the natural gift of leadership will be happy if the Conductor finds and uses this trait.

The whole success of our system depends on the natural selection of those most fitted to guide and govern the progress of our cause. The spirit of leadership awaits us through the years and age does not stand still. Many older Lyceumists initiate younger persons into larger duties. It is nice to feel and know that by this method our future is safeguarded and our integrity increases. Every new advancing age brings original ideas for the improvement of the race. Some of these builders are in our ranks and it is our greatest hope that we shall arise from our present position to enable the progressive methods to continue in helpful continuity.

Each Lyceumist, each district, and each official can all work for the combined commonwealth.

The secret of success depends on each one feeling the niche self-chosen, or otherwise, in the machinery of our Union,—a Union that is prepared to give and receive as events require, to speak and act as occasion

demands, to live and work as nature and truth direct. by all employing their best endeavours to accomplish the desired attainments in our united efforts and fulfil the objects for which our Union was instituted.

We have been pleased to come in contact with those in the higher life and no effort should be withheld which will enable the young people to enjoy the fruits of our ripe experience. Unutterable joy is the recompence of those who find themselves the recipients of truth and revelation, when the message can be given to others who appreciate the charm of the blessings we are able to convey in life's unfolding stream. Thanks, beyond language, expressed in an appreciative smile and produced by understanding, will give the teacher of truth an adequate reward.

G. F. KNOTT.

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

Previously acknowledged, £5 15s. 7d.  
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**B.S.L.U. SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.**

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 Received during May, Quarumby, 5s. Total £27 8s. 10d.

**SILVER PAPER.**

Our readers will have noticed that the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme is now in operation.

We shall be glad to receive any Silver Paper from Lyceumists, for the benefit of the above scheme.

If odd bits are sent in ordinary letters (under 2 ozs.) when Secretaries are writing to the General Secretary, the despatch will not cost anything extra for postage.

We suggest that D.C.s become collecting centres and pass the paper to the General Secretary by hand as occasions permit, otherwise the postage may be more than we shall receive for the paper.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of more silver paper from Mr. Kitson, Blackpool Lyceumists, S. Holroyd (Rosyth); Mrs. Thompson (Birkenhead); Mansfield Lyceumists, Armley Lyceum, Ethel and Phyllis Spencer (Brierfield), Middlesborough (Wilson St.) Lyceum, Middleton (Old Hall St.) Lyceum, Paul Lee (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Miss A. Myers and Harold Kaye (Bury), Oldham Central Lyceum.

**The B.S.L.U. Annual Register of Lyceums.**

The number of Lyceumists on the Lyceum Register during 1928 are the figures for which fees were paid during 1929, and are enumerated under the heading "1929." The same method applies to the figures under "1930." The 1930 list gives the figures returned from Lyceums who have paid the Annual Fees on or before May 27th, 1930.

The total numbers for 1929 are—265 Lyceums and 14,072 Lyceumists. A nett decrease of 6 Lyceums and 787 Lyceumists below the previous year's totals.

**SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.**

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**

	1929	1930
Saltaire	—	30
Windhill	30	—

**COVENTRY DISTRICT.**

Coventry Lockhurst Lane	—	—
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**LONDON DISTRICT.**

Plaistow	48	47
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**MANCHESTER DISTRICT.**

Higher Openshaw	—	43
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**NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE.**

Accrington, Pearl Street	44	50
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**A PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.**

The South Shields, Fowler St. Lyceum, who have been very busy lately, are at present resting from practices, etc., prior to fulfilling further engagements at the Barnes Rd. and Cambridge St. Churches, where they are rendering two Services of Song entitled "Truth, Beauty and Love," and "The Golden Ladder." The Lyceum Choir, 22 voices, with Mr. N. E. Ainley, A.N.S.C., as Conductor, have already rendered services to the T.L.D.C., United Lyceum Workers, Rippon Hall, North Shields, Barnes Road, and Cambridge St. Churches, South Shields, and Boldon Colliery. We are progressing step by step up the Golden Ladder of Life.

**CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, ETC.**

- London, Brixton.—Mr. F. B. Cross, 10, Somerleyton Road, Brixton, S.W.9.
- London, Clapham.—Bedford Road, S.W.4. 3 p.m.
- Liverpool, Boaler Street.—3-0 p.m.
- Little Ilford.—Mr. E. C. Cole, 16, Albany Road, Manor Park, London, E.12.
- New Malden.—Mrs. Seffort, 76, Burlington Road, New Malden, Surrey.
- Tottenham, 744, High Road, 3 p.m. Mr. F. King, 20, Trulock Road, Tottenham, London, N. 17.
- Walthamstow.—Miss D. Thomas, 4, Canning Road, Walthamstow, London, E. 17.
- Southend and Westcliff.—Miss M. Thornton, 12, Ramuz Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.
- Mchr., Hr. Openshaw, 5, Harp Street, Old Lane, 2-30. Mr. W. Jackson, 6, Wesley Street, Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.
- Mchr., Milton, Eccles.—Mr. T. J. Grayson, 17, Clifton Road, Eccles, Manchester.
- Accrington, Pearl St.—Mr. W. Hilton, 20, Lonsdale Street, Accrington.
- Nottingham D.V.—Mr. F. Reynolds, Hurdville, Lindleys Lane, East Kirkby, Notts.
- Mansfield.—Mr. G. W. Richardson, 38, Hospital Terrace, Mansfield, Notts.
- Nelson.—Miss E. Boothman, 49, Napier Street, Nelson.
- Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings.—Mr. F. Newell, 186, Rochdale Road, Todmorden.
- Tyneside D.V.—Mr. T. J. Robertson, 55, Bath Street, South Shields.
- Sunderland, Victory.—E. Cooper, 5, Burn Terrace, Sunderland.
- Llandudno.—Mr. W. J. Edwards, 14, Tan-y-Coed Road, Great Ormes Head, Llandudno.

## Calendar of Saints. (L.M. 145).

By ALFRED KITSON.

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

*The Editor regrets that the second portion of "Buddha" was crowded out of the May issue and apologises to Mr. Kitson for the gap in the sequence of his contribution.*

(Continued from page 57. April BANNER.)

When he gained Buddhahood he saw that in order to gain peace of mind one must put from him all desires, seek not his own, strive not, wrong not, bear meekly all the ills which flow from former sins, till is ended all the sum of life—the *Farmas*—which mean the evil result of all the sum a person ever did in his many re-incarnations. Thus having put away all desires, etc. the soul enters a state of non-action, non-desire, non-aspiration, a state of mind called Nirvana, then re-incarnations with their pain, suffering, old age and decay will cease. This doctrine applied to all, irrespective of caste. He proclaimed the equality and brotherhood of man, and that the great end and object of existence was to attain Nirvana by self-sacrifice, contemplation and self-suppression of all passions.

Henceforth he devoted himself to teaching and making converts.

On a subsequent occasion the Kings, Lords, Chiefs, Courtiers, Buddha's wife and son were among those who gathered to listen to him as he sat and taught the multitude. The angels were there in numbers. Even the wild animals, serpents, lizards and toads seemed to sense the value of Buddha's teachings as affecting their future lives or rebirths. (The teachings there taught are to Buddhism what Jesus's Sermon on the Mount is to Christianity) and so is much too long to reproduce here. Suffice it to say he expounded the doctrine of Karma. The four noble truths, 1st. Sorrow, 2nd. Sorrow's Cause, 3rd. Sorrow's Causing, and 4th, The Way. He expounded the eight fold path, 1st Right Doctrine; 2nd, Right Purpose; 3rd, Right Discourse, 4th, Right Behaviour, 5th Right Purity, 6th, Right Thought; 7th Right Loveliness, and 8th, Right Rapture.

He next expounded the four stages and the slaying of the ten sins. 1st, Love of Self; 2nd, False Faith; 3rd, Doubt; 4th, Hatred; 5th Lust; 6th, Love of Life on Earth; 7th, Desire for Heaven; 8th, Self-Praise; 9th, Errors; and 10th, Pride.

He gave then the following five Rules:—

1. Kill not, lest ye slay a soul on its upward way.
2. Give freely, and receive, but take from none by greed, or fraud or force.
3. Bear not false witness, nor slander, nor lie.
4. Shun drugs, or drinks which steal away the senses.

5. Do not commit adultery, nor commit sins of lust.

To the masses he taught a life of patience, love, pity, and reverence, so that they may rise to a higher condition of life at their next birth.

At the close of his sermon, his father, the King, rose up, and with bare feet bowed low before his son, and kissing the hem of his garment, he said "Take me, O, son! the lowest and least of all thy company."

After 44 years of public mission he felt his end drawing nigh. He journeyed on to Kusinard where he died. His last words were, "Be hold now, brethren, I exhort you, decay is inherent in all component things. Work out your salvation with diligence."

About the middle of the third century, B.C. Asoka, the King of Magodha, or Behar, grandson of Chaudragupta, founder of the kingdom, and noted for his connection with Alexandra the Great and Seleucus, became a sort of second founder of Buddhism. He founded so many monasteries that his kingdom received the name of the Land of Monasteries. He made it the religion of the state, and held at Patna the third Buddhast Council in 244 B.C., which rectified the doctrines and canon of Buddhism. Asoka subsequently did much to spread the order by sending out missionaries, and he inculcated its principles by having them cut upon rocks and pillars, and in caves, through a wide extent of India. A number of these still exist. The form which the Buddhist scriptures took under Asoka's influence in the dialect of his time and country, has been the basis of the manuscripts preserved in Ceylon, in what is now known as the Pali language. In every way Asoka showed himself to be one of the most enlightened of religious monarchs; and he in no way sought to make his views triumph by force. His missionaries were directed to mingle equally with all ranks of unbelievers, and to "teach better things" His edicts include the prohibition of the slaughter of animals for food or sacrifice; the statement of the happiness to be found in virtue, and the contrast of the transitory glory of this world with the reward beyond it. . . the provision of medical aid for men and animals, the appointment of guardians of morality, etc.

Having given a very *brief* outline of Buddha's life and teachings, perhaps it will help the student if I give a few cases of coincidences between the miracle of Buddha and Christ. Max Muller says, "Among other things, the parable of the prodigal son was found in the Buddhist sacred books. So was the story of the man who walked upon the waters so long as he had faith in the divinity of Buddha and began to sink when his faith failed. . . . Then there was the parable of the loaves and fishes, In the Buddha case he had *one* loaf; and after he had fed 500 brethren, his host and hostess, and the people of a monastery, so much bread was left that it had to be thrown into a cave. . . Buddhism also, include confessions, fastings, celibacy of the priesthood, and even rosaries; and as they were honoured in India *before* the beginning of our (Christian era, it followed that if they were borrowed the borrowers were Christians"—*The Fortnightly Review*. July 1896.

(Sketches of Cornelia, Darling, Darwin, Descates, and Edison will appear in next month's BANNER.)





Dear Little Imps,

I am so sorry I could not write your letter last month. Have you been out to the woods, as Mr. Editor suggested? If so, I know you will have made up lots of little stories about the things you saw. I wish you would let me know those stories too.

Do you ever play at wishing? It is fun even for the all-alone people, but wouldn't it be a topsy-turvy world if all of our wishes came true? I suppose you know that there is just one chance every year for our wishes to really come true. That chance is only known to just a very few people, but because it happens every June, I am going to share the secret with you.

#### MIDSUMMER NIGHT.

Every year, just at midnight, on Midsummer Night, the Fairyland folk hold their moonlight party. Of course, there are far too many of them for just *one* party to be held, and so smaller parties are held in every woodland dell, but they always happen at just the same time. Every wood has in it a fairy ring, where the grass grows greenest, and it is in these fairy rings that the parties are held. Each party starts just at midnight, in the wonderful crack between to-day and to-morrow, and the parties always end at sunrise. Really we mortals—as the fairies call us—are not supposed to know about the Midsummer Night parties but, if we are quite sure that we do believe in fairies, we may be lucky and see one. Then, the most wonderful thing happens. Any mortal who slips through the crack between to-day and to-morrow, and sees the fairy folk, may have just one wish come true.

Long, long ago, there lived a very poor old couple with just one son. Now, old William and Mary loved their son, Peter, very dearly, but they were very sad, because Peter was a cripple and had never walked. William and Mary were such kindly folk that everybody—even the fairies—was sorry for them and wished that Peter might be cured. One day, a very good fairy told the old people about slipping through the crack, to see the fairies on Midsummer Night, and told them to try to do this so that their only wish might be granted. When Midsummer Night came, the parents left Peter asleep in his bed and, just before midnight, set out to find the fairy ring in the woods near to their home. The moon shone brightly, but the woods were so hushed that William and Mary held each other's hands tightly and crept along on tip-toes. When they

reached the fairy ring, it was not quite midnight, and so, trying not to feel nervous, they watched and waited. The clouds suddenly hid the moon and the woods were dark for a few minutes. Then, just as the village clock began to strike the hour, William and Mary saw a crack of silvery light in front of them, and, slipping through the crack, found themselves at the fairy ball.

It was all so beautiful and so wonderful that William and Mary forgot to feel shy as they watched fairies and elves dancing on the green. Pixie pipers, seated on toadstools played the loveliest music, that simply made one's feet want to dance. Between the dances, the merry wee folk sipped nectar from honeysuckle flowers and had joy rides on the backs of moths. The old folk very nearly forgot about Peter and their wish that he might be cured.

Just as they remembered the important wish, they were seen by some of the fairies. Immediately, there was a cry of "There are mortals with us. Take them to our Queen." Surrounded by fairies and elves, gnomes and pixies, William and Mary were led across the green to the Fairy Queen's throne. They bowed very low before her, and then the Queen soon asked them to tell her their wish, that she might grant it to them. Mary was too shy to speak, but William was bolder. "Oh, please, your Majesty," he said. "We have only one wish. We wish that Peter, our son, who is crippled, might become strong and able to walk." The Queen smiled as she said, "Your wish is a good wish. Go home before the sun rises, and you will find it is granted."

Gratefully, William and Mary left the party, and returned home. They had just entered their cottage when the first rays of sunlight brought the new day. They hurried to Peter's bedside and found him sleeping, but, somehow, looking so much stronger, that very happily they went to rest.

That morning, William and Mary were awakened by a joyous shout, and a moment later Peter *walked* into the room. "Oh, Mother and Dad," he cried, "I can walk and run and jump. I wonder what has made me better in the night? It is so wonderful, for now I can play, and, when I'm a man, I can work like Dad does."

The good news that Peter was cured soon spread through the village, and people came to the little cottage to hear how wishes can come true. William and Mary told everybody about the magic hour on Midsummer Night and how they had found the crack between to-day and to-morrow.

The next year, when Midsummer Night came round, everybody in that village had a wish, which they wanted to come true. As midnight drew near, they crowded into the woods, in search of the fairy ring and the wonderful crack. Most of the people missed the crack and did not see the fairies—because some of them did not *really* believe in fairies, and others had wishes which were greedy and unkind. The few people who had good wishes, and were very sure of the fairies, were as lucky as William and Mary, for they found the magic hour, when wishes can come true.

Don't you wish that we might find that wonderful crack? I do; but, then, I have so many wishes, I can't quite decide just *which one* I should like to come true. Are you like that, too?

Your loving Imp,

MEG.

## LYCEUM MANUAL TEST No 19.

Only 45 entries for both sections were received, but I am making due allowance for this, as many would-be competitors were doubtless busy preparing for their B.S.L.U. examinations.

The correct answers in the Junior Test are:—

1. Brown	.....	.....	1	mark.
2. Ball, Allan, Winton.	.....	.....	3	„
3. Stowe	.....	.....	1	„
4. Adams. A.D. (twice)	.....	.....	3	„
5. Cooke. Doten.	.....	.....	2	„
6. Swain.	.....	.....	1	„
7. Tyler.	.....	.....	1	„
8. Oliver	.....	.....	1	„
9. Sears.	.....	.....	1	„
10. Leslie. Latta.	.....	.....	2	„
11. Deakin. King. Butts. Paine	.....	.....	5	„
Anon.	.....	.....	2	„
12. A. Pope.	.....	.....	2	„

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The prize-winners are —Doris Ronaldson, aged 10, of Newcastle, and Claude Reeves, aged 11, of Bath, both of whom sent all correct answers.

Honorable mention is due to Gordon Snooks, Frank Harris, Vera Chambers, Audrey Cox, Frank Burgess, M. Rees, Victor Strong, Elsa Bird, Iris Northover, John Vincent and Cicely Wellcombe.

The correct answers in the Senior section are:—

1. Home S(wee) t Home, No. 318.
2. H(o.m.)e, No. 19.
3. T(ruth). Nor 130, 228.
4. Daybreak, No. 423.
5. One by One, No. 39.
6. Do Good. (D.D. O.O.O. G) No. 69.
7. Hope on, Hope ever, No. 55.
8. Work, No. 35.
9. Be kind to each other, No. 5.
10. Shoulder to shoulder. No. 398.
11. Hail, all Hail. No. 348.
12. The Hereafter, No. 210.
13. Doxologies (Oxo. Dog. lies) Nos. 324, 325, 326.

I offered three prizes for the best solutions, but as no boy between 12 and 21 entered, this prize lapses and one feels sure that many lads will now regret not sending in their attempts however poor they may have been.

The prizes are awarded as follows:—

Dorothy Snook, aged 16, of Bighi, Malta, with 6 correct. (This competitor only had two days in which to study the puzzle.)

Mrs. E. Paling, of Beeston, Nottingham, with 12 correct.

Honourable mention is given to Muriel Keeling, Gladys Guy, G. A. Dixon, Alfred Cretney, Miss A. M. Reeves, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Gershon, G. A. Whitehead, Mrs. White, Mrs. Lilley, H. Bassett, Mr. Dolby and Miss Bush.

## TEST No. 20.

Junior Section. Age not to exceed 14 years. Two prizes of half-a-Crown for best boy and best girl.

1. Make a Manual title out of Three pigs.

2. You'd send in a roundabout way and find the author out.
3. Some Lyceumists could get irated for this title
4. Where is the heat of midday mentioned in the Manual?
5. Where do you find three authors following one another?
6. What lady asks a question which her principles answers, and where do you trace it?
7. Where do you read of gushing fountains?

## SENIOR SECTION.

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

Manual titles are concealed in the following verses. What are they and where found in the Lyceum Manual?

1. Two words in action giving sound  
Reveal a title when there're found.  
'Tis easy, though you'll say perhaps  
You can't yourself hear spirit raps.
2. Ere reaching the edge of this title  
Two following consonants find,  
Now read in between and then it is seen  
What some of you have in your mind.
3. Each other's you take as a greeting  
Though some in addition must kiss,  
Friends most exchange when they're meeting.  
The Manual title, that's this.
4. A word or reproach is this author reversed  
But when writing this piece he was solemn  
I've his letters purloined, and an anagram  
    coined  
With these notes, you'll "have money in  
    in column."
5. My last reversed is evil  
A state you'll all deplore,  
Correct it in a proper way  
You've seen how to before.
6. Thou stellar orb, each evening  
We watch you from afar  
And very, very often  
Have wondered what you are.
7. When you take lunch or dinner at Lyon's  
There's a Nippy quite soon on the spot  
As she's serving you well, maybe you can tell  
What Manual title she's got.
8. Birthdays occurring every day,  
A fact not overstated,  
And so with me, I think you'll see  
To a title they're related.
9. There's a catch in this title  
But if you gaze high  
An easy solution  
You'll quickly espy.
10. From first to last there's just a groove  
But in it every one should move  
The Manual gives its lesson twice  
And offers you its good advice.

11. Both before and after, either view is correct,  
It matters not a little which one you might  
select,  
Though some will take a time I'm sure to  
ferret out the clue  
They'll all agree its simple and that either  
meaning's true.
- 12 Ha, Ha, Ha, you and me,  
Little brown jug don't I love thee,  
But should you want some water pure  
Then a title's here found with an ewer.

TEST No. 20. COUPON.

Name .....

Address .....

Age (if under 21).....

All entries must be sent to Mr. J. G. MacFarlane,  
6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, not  
later than June 21st.

S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to report the following income for  
March and April, viz,—

March. West London Fellowship, £2 2s. od.; Mrs. Nurse,  
Sale of bookmarks, 10s.; Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, J.P., 5s.;  
Ramsgate propaganda, £3 3s.; Southend and Westcliff, £2 2s.;  
Gt. Yarmouth, £1 1s.; Members of Mr. Glover Botham's  
Developing Circle, per E. F. Lewes, £1 1s.; Mr. G. Langham  
(New York), £4 11s. 3d.; Convinced, 10s. 6d.; Southern D.C.  
Tea-table Collection, £1 10s. Total, £16 15s. 9d.

April. Mrs. M. Morris' Fee, Ealing Centre, 10s. 6d.;  
London D.C., £5 5s.; Promoters, Brighton Propaganda, £1 1s.;  
Mrs. M. Morris' fee, Rochester Square Temple, 7s. 6d.; Prop-  
aganda, Nuneaton, £3 3s.; Mrs. D. Griffiths circle, Barrow,  
10s.; Mrs. J. Wesley Adams, £2 2s.; Anonymous £2. W.L.M.,  
10s.; Robertus, 10s.; Collected by Mr. W. Dowell Todd, from  
Churches and friends in the Northern D.C. Area, £7 11s. 5d.  
Total £23 10s. 5d.

The Committee wish to tender their grateful thanks to all who  
have contributed during these two months and assure all how  
necessary the needs of the Funds are to assist us to carry on and  
still help some very needy cases.

Don't forget every little helps, and you may do even a little  
at the Conference by giving your mite when the Collection for  
the F.O.B. is taken.

With grateful thanks,

Yours gratefully,

32b, North St.,  
Keighley.

MARY L. STAIR,

BIBLICAL SPIRITUALISM.

Alice Hughs, an instructor at the Morris Pratt  
Institute for the education of Spiritualist speakers in  
U.S.A., writing in the "National Spiritualist,"  
gives an opinion which indicates the official interpre-  
tation of the relation of the Bible to Spiritualism.

In the May issue she states!—

"It has been my experience in teaching Biblical  
Spiritualism that if a few of the basic principles are  
presented at first the student will progress faster. This  
is necessary as it enables them to lay aside prejudice  
and former teachings, providing they are of a nature  
that would hinder or delay. One of the fundamental  
truths for us to learn is the fact that Spiritualism can  
be applied to the God of the Bible as well as to the  
Bible itself.

"Why are Spiritualists justified in calling the God of  
the Christian Bible a spirit who has all the characteris-  
tics of a discarnate human being?

"First, permit me to mention some of the charac-  
teristics of a discarnate human being. We have  
love, hate, jealousy, anger, fear, pride and interest  
in people in all walks of life, etc.

"Second permit me to state that it is only natural  
that discarnate human beings would have the same  
characteristics that incarnate human beings have.  
By the Bible we find that its God has all the charac-  
teristics which make Him decidedly human.

"Spiritualists who are well-informed in their re-  
ligion regard the Infinite Intelligence as omnipotent,  
omniscient and omnipresent. By analysing the  
records of the God of the Bible we know that He was  
none of these, but gave every evidence in every way of  
being a discarnate human being."

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.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—Ball. Cherished memories  
of our dear little Lily, who entered into the higher life, May  
20th, 1927, aged 5 years 10 months.

We love her too dearly her name to forget,  
Our Father loved her too; He never forgets.  
So He gathered our loved one to the bright golden shore,  
Where He will unite us and part us no more.

From her loving Mamma, Dadda, and her little Albert.

LOWDE.—Florence, aged 12 years, of South Manchester  
Lyceum. Passed to the Higher Life, June 17th, 1928.  
Adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh, of Old Trafford.  
"In Remembrance."

SHILDON, Newlands Avenue.—On May 1st, Mr. Edwin  
Jones passed to spirit life after long and patient suffering.—  
Jas. Sunter, Sec.

BIRTH.

HOLLINWOOD.—On Wednesday, April 23rd, 1930, the  
gift of a daughter to Emily, wife of Ernest Luke, Conductor of  
Byron St. Lyceum.—A. Fogg, Sec.

District Visitors' Reports.

LONDON DISTRICT.

In visiting the various Lyceums I have always been received  
in a fraternal spirit by all concerned, and I would like to appre-  
ciate the interest displayed at the various sessions attended.

In order to meet the wishes of Delegates which were expressed  
at the last quarterly meeting I will endeavour to give you a few  
particulars concerning each Lyceum, and should any of my  
remarks appear on the surface as criticisms I trust those con-  
cerned will realise they are given only with the desire to assist  
in the future welfare of the Lyceums.

During the past year I have made the following visits:—  
One visit each to Hounslow, Fulham, Hackney Progressive,  
Battersea, Kingston, Bowes Park, Walthamstow Progressive,  
New Malden, Manor Park, Ealing, North London, Stratford.  
Two visits to Brixton, Tottenham, Plaistow, Rochester Square,  
Eltham, Forest Hill, Woolwich and Plumstead. Three visits  
to Liverpool, Daulby Hall. Four visits to Croydon and Peck-  
ham. Ten visits to Clapham. Also the Annual Demonstration  
and the B.S.L.U. Conference, and The People's Palace, on  
Armistice Sunday. Total, 50 Sundays.

Hounslow and Manor Park. I would like these Lyceums to  
adopt the physical exercises.

Rochester Square, New Malden, and Ealing are young  
Lyceums and in each case are very promising centres.

Stratford is interesting from the point of having such a number of tiny tots whose behaviour is remarkably good.

Forest Hill and Eltham are increasing in membership and there is a marked display of energy exercised. The Officers and workers are to be congratulated.

Woolwich have gained more adult support and are making headway in the right direction.

Hackney have a promising band of young people, who should become useful workers in the cause.

Clapham: the explanations to the various readings showed that the Conductor's efforts had not been in vain. The children are encouraged to conduct the Sessions. This is most helpful.

Croydon and Peckham: a keen interest was taken in individual efforts. With a little tuition good talent will be developed.

Plaistow and Kingston are both suffering from lack of space, but are progressive.

Lewisham Lyceum was re-opened on Feb. 16th. I am sure all will join me in wishing them every success.

Bowes Park, the winners of the Bell last year, are still going strong.

Tottenham and Fulham have only been visited on special Sundays. They are well up to the standard.

Battersea: Groups were held. Keen discussion took place which made it very interesting.

North London. We regret losing them from the Council, but hope before long to be able to report they have re-joined.

On Armistice Sunday I visited the People's Palace. Although there were quite a number of Lyceums represented I should like to see all there next time. Let the members of the L.D.C. see that we are doing our part to work with the Parent Body.

AMY PENNINGTON, D.V.

(This Report has been held over.—Ed.)

#### MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

The following visits have been made:—

Feb. 16th. Droylsden, Durham St. Present 24. Very good response to questions on the various readings. The children took an active part. Pearls and recitations in abundance. Marching and callisthenics were fine. This Lyceum has "Progress" for their motto.

Feb. 23rd. South Manchester. Present 40. Good response to all the readings and good discussion. Many recitations from the children. Marching and callisthenics good. Session good throughout.

Mar. 9th. Higher Openshaw. Present 15. Although only a young conductress, it was very gratifying to note the interest taken in the whole of the Session. Responses were very good.

Mar. 24th. Longsight. Prompt start. Present 36. This Lyceum is still aiming for the goal of progress. The children are very active and deserve great praise. The whole of the Session was all that could be desired.

Mar. 31st. Brunswick St. Present 7. Although just the few, the time was very well occupied. Everyone present did their quota in making the Session very interesting and instructive from an educational standpoint.

Apr. 6th. Salford Central. Prompt start. Present 40. The Session was hurried through limited time. Still there is that vim and enthusiasm which makes the Session a pleasure to everyone. Good response to readings. Marching good. This Lyceum adopts the three series of callisthenics. A good Session.

Apr. 20th. Newton Heath. Prompt start. Present 48. This Lyceum still retains its standard of efficiency. The Conductor, though only young, takes a great interest in the children. The responses and comments on the readings are fine. Marching and callisthenics very good.

May 4th. Sharston St. Prompt start. Present 60. There was much enthusiasm in the Session. Good response to readings. Explanations good. Singing very harmonious. 15 recitations. Marching and callisthenics good. An excellent Session.

G. ASHTON, D.V.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

As D.V. for the above Council I am very anxious that any Lyceum in my area shall not suffer because of want of help. Therefore if any Lyceumist knows a Lyceum which requires assistance a postcard to the address below will be much appreciated.

I have paid two visits to Bramley, a new Lyceum, within the quarter. This Lyceum is working under a tremendous handicap, and its elders are to be congratulated for keeping it on.

S.C.R. and M.R. were well received, many questions asked. I.E. much enjoyed, and seemingly a new feature. The speaking was clear and distinct.

On March 30th I visited Attercliffe. Prompt start, and pleased to say no late comers. Questions and explanations to S.C.R. were very appropriate. Figure marching was a feature of the session. It was pleasant to hear new music played to the Marching. In the individual efforts Attercliffe made a real good show on this occasion. The children were obedient. Attendance fairly good, quite a good muster of younger children.

Kimberworth Lyceum has been visited several times during the past six months.

In Marching and Callisthenics they have made a great improvement. The Callisthenics were done very nicely. There was a goodly number of elders present and they encourage the children in their efforts. Questions and explanations were up to the standard. This Lyceum possesses some smart children, and one is favourably impressed by their conduct.

In response to a request I went to Armthorpe on April 20th. Having no music the Lyceum is under a little difficulty. There were eight elders present and some had never visited a Lyceum Session before, so that the D.V. was of assistance. Readings were good, and on the whole showed intelligence in the questions. The individual efforts proved to be the best item. The singing was very fair.

J. LE NOURY, D.V.

## District Council Reports.

### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The above Council held its meeting at Drummond St., Wolverhampton, on April 12th.

There were four Lyceums represented. We all had a very nice time and arranged for the Annual Outing to take place on Saturday, June 21st, 1930, the venue being Blake St., which is the other side Sutton Park. Tea at 4-30 p.m.

Will all Lyceums and friends keep this date open and come to help us have a real good time? All Lyceums every success.

The next Council Meeting will be held at Stirchley on Saturday, July 12th, 1930, to commence at 3-0 p.m. prompt.

ERNEST C. HEATON, Sec.

### BOLTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, May 17th., in the Bury National Spiritualist Church, King St.

Mr. Charnley, President, was in the Chair, and extended a cordial welcome to Mrs. M. E. Pickles, who was present at the meeting.

Minutes and correspondence were accepted and adopted. Arising from the Correspondence the Secretary was instructed to get all information necessary for entertaining the U.D.C.

The President's Address was short, owing to pressure of business.

The various reports were accepted and adopted.

The Conference Delegate was given instructions for voting for Officers of the B.S.L.U., and also instructed regarding the various motions on the Agenda.

The Demonstration report showed that all was well in hand for the Demonstration at Bury on May 31st. Appeals were made for united support.

A vote of thanks to the local friends concluded a well conducted meeting.

A. DEAN, Sec.

### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The above Council held a meeting at Keighley Rooms, Heber St., on Saturday, May 10th. Miss Hudson was in the Chair. All Officers were present and delegates from Keighley, Shipley, Harker St., and Milton Lyceums.

Two minutes silence was given to our late Treasurer, Mr. O'Neil, who had passed to the Higher Life on Tuesday, May 6th, after a few years of very painful suffering.

Minutes of last meeting were adopted.

Correspondence was accepted. A letter from the Area Representative for this District was read and the state of the B.S.L.U. finances noted and it was decided whenever help could be given it would be sent forward.

The place for the Council ramble was chosen to be at Shipley Glen on Saturday, June 28th. All to meet at Baildon Bridge at 3-0 p.m.

The time at our disposal was given to the B.S.L.U. Conference Agenda. It was carefully gone through and our Delegate given instructions how to vote on the various items.

The Secretary's and President's action in sending a wreath for Mr. O'Neil was endorsed. Lyceum Delegates were asked to support Idle Lyceum Anniversary on May 11th, also to support Laisterdyke Lyceum Anniversary on Whit-Sunday and Milton Lyceum Anniversary on June 29th. Morning Session only at 10-30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Milton Lyceum Rooms on Saturday, July 12th.

E. AKED, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Conference will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at 3-30 p.m. at Railway Terrace, Birstal.

Agenda: Opening Exercises, Invocation, Welcome, Roll Call, Minutes, President's Address, Correspondence, Reports District Visitor's, Treasurer, Leeds D.C., U.D.C., B.S.L.U., Field Day Secretary, Silver Bell Committee Report, Associates, Notice of Motion (Wakefield), Field Day Demonstrations, "The minute that inviting Lyceums provide one Band be rescinded."

"That on all future Field Days and Demonstrations the cost of one Band be met by each individual Lyceum affiliated to the L.L.D.C. paying an equal amount."

Open Council. Date and place of next Conference. Vote of thanks to local friends.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

#### DEMONSTRATION.

Our Annual Field Day and Demonstration will be held at Castleford on Saturday, July 5th. Lyceums will assemble at Castle Fields, nr. Station at 3-0 p.m. All Lyceumists from other districts will be welcome. Tea,—children 7d. adults 1s.

All particulars can be obtained from the Field Day Secretary, Mrs. Riches, Luneville, Carr Lane, Glasshoughton, Castleford.

Notifications for teas to be sent to her not later than Monday, (first post), June 30th.

Lyceumists and friends travelling from Bradford may do so by the special train, return fare, adults 2s., children up to 16 years, half rate.

MRS. RICHES, Field Day Secretary.

#### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at the Denton Church, on Saturday, May 3rd. We had a good business meeting. Arrangements were made for the annual outing, to be held at Macclesfield. Lyceumists are to proceed to the Macclesfield Church, Cumberland Street, taking their own food. Tea will be provided at a charge of fourpence per head. A hearty invitation is given to all friends. The date for the Outing is Saturday, July 12th. After tea, sports will be held.

During the afternoon meeting it was asked if any Lyceumist could tell the best record for membership. Mrs. Rushton, an active member of our Council and Macclesfield Lyceum and Church, has been a Lyceumist for forty-eight years, joining the Lyceum at Easter 1882. Is this the best record?

E. LLOYD, Sec.

#### NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

##### AN EX-LORD MAYOR VISITS A MASSES LYCEUM SESSION.

On Sunday, May 4th, at the Mechanic's Minor Hall, North Church St., the above Council held the Annual Massed Session, for the announcing of the results of the Shield and Silver Bell Competition.

A very interesting Programme was gone through, conducted by Mr. R. Slater, the newly elected President, which included a Violin Solo rendered very ably by Mr. Joseph Hitchener.

Mr. J. Waterfall, the Competition Secretary, stated that eleven Lyceums had competed, and declared Eastwood Lyceum the winner of the Shield, with 84½ per cent Marks, and Nottingham, Mechanic's, with 83½ per cent. marks.

The Presentation to the winners was made by Ald. E. Huntsman, Ex. Lord Mayor of Nottingham, who gave a very interesting Address. Sherwood St. Lyceum, the holders of the Shield last year, received a certificate.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present.

In the course of a presentation speech Ald. E. Huntsman said: "Without the slightest tinge of compliment, I thank Mr. Masters for coming to ask me to attend, and I assure you that every moment I have passed in the course of these proceedings.

I have enjoyed in a way which is not easy to express. I have done more than enjoy the time, for I have felt that there are influences which have been developed to-day which have positively done me good, have stimulated me, and have given me in many respects a feeling of very great satisfaction.

I wondered one moment whether I dare say what I thought, but as I have been challenged to give you my judgment I will respond, and I will give it, and I will give it honestly.

When I was asked to come it was supposed I might not know very much of what you stood for, and this very remarkable book was put into my hands for me to judge for myself. I have read that book with profound admiration. I will give you very brief reasons why I admire that book and its contents.

Many times I have been in this room, and have heard many subjects discussed. I have seen that men live mainly for balance sheets, profits, wages, for honour, sport and various things. I have nothing to say against any one of them, please understand that, but I have often thought that the time was due for some system of teaching that would convince particularly our young: that not one of these things is sufficient to absorb all the wonderful resources of a man's nature. We ought to be—we are meant to be—infinity larger than any one of these things. Now with great satisfaction I realise that in among your teaching, your observations to-day shew that you are placing man correctly in the great scheme of things to begin with. Oh how painfully wrong men and women are, very commonly, in their sense of relationship to the things about them. You praise religion, you praise the influences running through the ages, and it is essential that you are going to take up a large view of life.

To take up a large view and aim you must be able to place yourself, it seems to me, in some proper percentage of your relations to the past: to the great wonders about you: your relation to the future, and your relations to the great human race itself. Well, I can make a long speech on this, but I must not do so. Just think, if the Nation had only been so placed in 1914. You can have your Peace Conferences, all your law, but let man get to know and feel that we, whatever race or creed, are brothers and sisters throughout the world. It is not merely here in print, but I have seen it in the pearls and observation, how truly you all feel the principle. For a moment I will make one further comment.

I do admire this system of Lyceums and the way in which you do Callisthenics, the various means by which you are seeking discipline, or 'to know thyself' in body and mind, and so on. That is a great thing. There again you have complication of conception of what work should be: trying one human being or another one, but never or seldom getting the conception of men that you can feel in the whole body, soul, and so on.

I have the honour—I mean it—I have the honour of presenting on your behalf this shield, which has been won by Eastwood. I am happy to think, and I am quite assured that Eastwood and the others have done it well. I say this for the encouragement of those who have put in time and labour, and also for the encouragement of the young people.

The Shield is associated with Miss Gregg, who has presented it in memory of her mother. You could not find any one more suited to hand over that shield, because I have known the kindness of her mother, and I knew Mr. Gregg, who was Mayor of Nottingham, and I was one of three who chose him for that position, and laboured by his side all through the very strenuous year he held office. All these memories give me additional pleasure in being your instrument to-day in handing over the shield. I think I have said now what I think of you! Now I have the pleasure of presenting the Silver Bell to the Nottingham Mechanic's Lyceum, and a certificate to the Sherwood Street Lyceum."

#### SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held at Dearnley on May 10th. Mr. Hudson, the President, was in the Chair.

There was a very good attendance of Delegates, Associates and friends.

The Minutes and correspondence were read and dealt with. Middleton, Oldhall St. Lyceum, was accepted as members of the Council and their application for membership of the B.S.L.U. was endorsed.

The President gave a short, interesting address dealing with education and the teaching of truth to the younger children.

The District Visitor, Auditors, and Delegate to the U.D.C. gave their reports.

The Conference business was fully discussed and instructions given to the Conference Delegate.

Thanks were offered to Regent Hall and Todmorden for donations to the Council Funds.

Baup invited the Council for the next meeting on Sept. 30th, 1930.

The best thanks of the Council were given to the Dearnley friends for their entertainment during the meeting and the thanks were accepted by Mrs. Whitham.

J. NURSE, Sec.

#### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference of the above Council was held at the newly opened Lyceum at Cornsay Colliery, on Sunday, 11th May. In addition to the usual routine business the following items were dealt with.

The Children's Manual Committee is to continue its work. Messrs. Roeder, Platt, Sunter and Mrs. Ainsworth were added to the existing committee.

The District Visitor reported that a new Lyceum is to be opened at Shotton.

The U.D.C. delegate draws attention to (i) Education Scheme, (ii) Sale of Publications, (iii) Re-organisation, (iv) Children's Manual.

This Council has now a representative to the Northern District Council of the S.N.U. Mr. Miller attended its last Conference.

The following Notice of Motion from last Conference was carried "Article 5 c. delete the words 'other Officers to attend E.C. Meetings by request' and add 'all Officers shall be members of Executive Committee.'"

The Notice of Motion from Middlesbrough (Wilson St.) relative to the same Article was lost.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That the Rota System be discussed at next Conference so that all Lyceums be represented and a place centralised for all Conferences."

A silent tribute was paid to Mr. J. Smith, of Shildon, who has passed to the "higher life." Mr. Smith was for many years President of the Council. Sympathy was also expressed with the Vice-president (Mr. Jones) on the "physical loss" of his son.

The Council conducted a well attended Lyceum Session in the Afternoon at which a most interesting paper was read by Mr. Roeder (Middlesbrough) on the subject of "Evolution." Much discussion ensued.

The evening Services were also taken by various members of the Council, the hall being well filled. It is hoped that as a result of the Council's visit that the Lyceum Movement will gain a firm hold on the people of Cornsay. The Cornsay workers are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they filled a breach.

EDWARD NELLIST, A.N.S.C., Sec.

## Special Reports.

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

CONGLETON.—Lyceum Services, Apl. 13th and 14th. Speaker, Mr. Pilkington. Recitations by Hilda Harding, Hannah Harding, Mary Bann, Louis Kettle, Gladys Machin, Bert Hancock, Albert Davies, Bernard Sandall, Jonah Machin, Solos by Rose and Irene Davies, Edith Duckworth, Vera Shufflebottom, Nancy Sandall. Quartette by Tom Sproson, Bernard Sandall, Dorothy Barr, Hilda Harding. Piano solo by Margaret Broad. Marching and callisthenics by Lyceumists. Conductor, Mr. T. Goodwin. Musical Director, Mr. Jones. All ended with success. Mr. J. Davis, sec.

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.—Mar. 1st, our annual Picnic took place at Opoho, a lovely spot in the hills, with fir trees to give a welcome shade. About 40 arrived in the morning, and 20 more came in the afternoon.

After lunch games and races were held and nice prizes were won. As it turned cold and there came a misty rain tea was hurried and all travelled homeward earlier than usual. Each child had a toy and memories of a happy day.

On March 9th a Dedication Service was conducted, when seven children were dedicated to our beautiful faith. The children came in as the doors were opened to the singing of "Open the Door," and each was attended by others who carried wreaths, flowers and badges. As the boys get older they object to a crowning, so I make something like a masonic badge and

print in gold the Spiritualistic Principles and D.C. for the Lyceum. These are in the colours of the group to which they belong. I give the spiritual name which each child received in brackets—Edith Lilius Robinson, 10 years (Rainbow), Douglas Robert Clyma, 8 years (Valour), Eric Francis Downes, 7 years (Christian), Joy Thurston, 5 years (Ithola), Raymond Edward Thurston, 2½ years (Truth-bearer), Lorraine Ailsa Hayne, 3½ years (Harmony), William Charles Dickson, 11 months (Leon). Each child received a Lyceum badge. It was a lovely service and many friends and relatives of the children were present making altogether 62.

Open Session was held afterwards. Pearls by all and recitations by Frances Anthony, Esme Morgan, Hean McConnell, Joan Hargreaves, Dulcie Pratley, Margaret and Edith Robinson, Kitty Dobbin, Edith Asher, and a few words from Lorraine Hayne.

Time would not permit of any more, so with the singing of "The Lyceum Band" the session closed.

We had much regret in having to say farewell to Esme Morgan who leaves the town. She has been one of the brightest scholars in the Lyceum and we wish her everything of the best wherever she goes.

Mrs. Brooks acted as Musical Conductor.

Greetings to all Lyceums and best wishes to the LYCEUM BANNER from Dunedin Lyceum.—Miss R. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—Apl. 27th. Liberty Group Sunday. Our Speaker was Mr. Woodcock, his subject being "Civilization." The discussion opened out new thoughts. Afterwards a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Woodcock.

May 18th. A Naming Ceremony was performed by Miss Watson. The baby was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Salt. He received the earthly name of John Ronald. His spiritual name being "Steadfast." Madonna lilies were used, denoting purity and love. Emblems of love were shown from departed spiritual friends by roses. The Ceremony was opened by singing "Open the Door for the Children" and concluded by "Jybbells."

SMETHWICK.—Anniversary, May 11th. A great day with Love and Service as the keynote. Speaker, Mr. Bentley, whose three forceful addresses appealed to all.

At 11 a.m., Chairman, Mr. Wright, introduced a surprise item. Readers of Musical Reading, No. 224, gave us original thoughts on same.

Afternoon, recitations were given by E. Barrett, K. Green, B. Powell, and Ivor Wright. Miss Peters presided.

At 6-30 p.m. the Chairman was Alderman Morris, ex-Mayor of Smethwick. Duet by Misses Heard and Upton. Additional recitation by Alfred Powell. A final word of praise to Mr. Upton. (Conductor), Mrs. Upton, Mrs. Twist, and our efficient organist, Miss Dunn.

V. W. MANN, Assist. Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—Open Session, May 11th. Conducted by Mr. W. Taylor, assisted by Mr. Chapburn. Silver Chain by Miss White. Golden Chain by Miss Tabiner. Recitations by B. Bartlett, F. Bartlett, B. Smith, K. Muttall, W. C. Livesey, I. Bradshaw, C. Godden. Duet by W. White and F. Holgate. The Session was enjoyed by all.—F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session, May 4th. Recitations by N. and F. Laycock, Ivy Kenniford, solos by N. Lay-

cock, R. Swift. Duet by N. Laycock and M. Dobson. The Session was conducted in an able manner by Mr. T. Fazackerley and Miss I. Kenniford. Musical Director, Mr. W. Crossley. A very good Session was thoroughly enjoyed.—A. Laycock, Sec.

**BIRKENHEAD.** May 4th. Open Session. Recitations were rendered by Leslie Hamilton, Annie, Florrie and Muriel Watson, Ada Hamilton, Lilian Harding, Mr. Taylor. Solos by Eileen Edwards and Albert Thompson, also pianoforte solos by Elsie Thompson and Mr. Whiteley. Four pearls. A very pleasant Session indeed.—D. Dunn, Sec.

**BLACKBURN,** St. Peter St.—We had our Open Session on Apl. 27th. It was bright and entertaining. Recitations were rendered by J. Riley, C. Railton, J. and I. Entwistle, D. Parker, and C. Walley. Solos by Miss M. Holland and Miss P. Crook. Duet by Miss J. Counsell and Mr. F. Robinson. Mrs. J. Greenwood, J.P., was our speaker for the day. There were about 140 present.—Mr. Tom Wood, Sec.

**BLACKPOOL.**—Open Session, May 11th. About 70 present. Invocation by our speaker, Mr. J. Tinker, of Manchester. Readings were very good. Marching and callisthenics were enjoyed by all. There was a good response to the request of the Conductor for Pearls, etc. The Ladies of the Lyceum sang together No. 409. The Males sang No. 360, and the small girls and boys sang No. 383.—F. Carter, Sec.

**BOLTON,** Bradford St.—On May 4th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Liles. Four Lyceums were represented and we had an enjoyable time. Solos by Miss F. Lintott, and a friend. A cornet solo by Mr. W. Johnson. Marching and callisthenics were rendered admirably by all.

In the evening the Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song, entitled "Netty." Miss L. Speight was the reader.—M. Combs, Sec.

**BURNLEY,** Hammerton St.—Lyceum Anniversary, May 4th. Mr. S. Spencer, of Blackpool, was the speaker, and gave a splendid address on "Our Lyceum." We held Open Sessions all day and had visitors from Earby, Nelson, Colne and North St. It was a real Anniversary day.—I. Haynes, Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—On April 27th we held our Anniversary. During the morning Session the following rendered items,—Norman and Evelyn Clements, Irene and Harold Hobster, Leslie and Lily Driver, Ivy Hall, Avis Bown, Betsy Slater, Fred Gore, Pearls by Mr. Campbell and Mr. E. Hobster.

During the afternoon Miss Rayner kindly distributed prizes. Additional items were given by Joan Wheatley, Elsie Smith, Jessie Orwin, Lilian Briggs, Linda Heath, Marion Wagstaffe, Ernest Heath, Ethel Gore, and Maggie Hall.

On May 18th we held our usual Open Session when the following obliged with items,—Evelyn and Norman Clements, Ivy Hall, Avis Bown, Irene Hobster, and Leslie Driver.—M. Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

**DARWEN.**—May 4th. Open Session. The younger Lyceumists gave songs, recitations and pearls. Miss Jenkinson was the Conductor and quite a number of friends from other districts attended. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Brocklebank and Mrs. Seddon. Fraternal greetings were exchanged and we all spent a very happy time together.—Mrs. Lowe, Sec.

**DEWSBURY.**—Open Session, Apl. 27th. Conductor for the day, Mr. L. Bland. Invocation by Mr. J. Whittles. Organist, Mr. C. Phillips. Pianist, Miss M. Pickles. Drill Instructor, Mr. V. Hartley. Pearls 11. Recitations by Cyril Hey, Chrissie Greenwood and Kathleen Stott. Solos by Miss A. Bentley, Clarissa Phillips, Mr. E. Wilson, Quartette by Mr. E. Wilson, Mr. A. Kitson, Miss N. Whitworth, Mrs. Hartley, Walter Oakes, William Newby, Gerald Hey, Walter Bennett. One of Mr. Kitson's favourites, 415, L.M. was sung. We were all pleased to see Mrs. Wilson back again after her long illness.

On Easter Monday about 40 Lyceumists had a ramble to Cockersdale, near Drighlington. We were provided with tea in the Dale. Old and young enjoyed themselves on the swings. The men and boys enjoyed a game of football. We played with the ladies at Pise Ball. A good run for our train ended a good day of sport.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

**DONCASTER,** Catherine St.—Open Session, May 4th, conducted by Mrs. Maltby. Invocation by A. Crossland. The following Lyceumists took part.—L. Middleton, M. Holloway, M. Wattam, and V. Soan.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EARBY,** Green End Avenue.—Open Session, May 4th. Recitations by Nellie Taylor, Mary Chadwick, Dennis Seddon, J. Hancock, F. Clarke, Ronnie Hancock, Ronnie Clough,

Lizette Greenwood, Arthur Wilkinson, Kathleen Hopkinson. Songs by D. Seddon, F. Clarke, W. Hancock, G. Blackburn, N. Taylor, A. Wilkinson, and M. Ennis. A good time was spent together.—B. Fryer, Sec.

**EASTWOOD.**—On May 4th, at the Mechanics Hall, Nottingham, we were presented with the Silver Shield for the highest marks. Great credit is due to the Officers and scholars for their untiring efforts while their Conductor was away. All were determined that the trust and confidence of their Conductor should not be misplaced. The result was "That Eastwood Led the Way."—C. Barnes.

**FLEETWOOD.**—Open Session, Apl. 6th, conducted by our Assistant Conductors, Miss Phyllis Jordan and Mr. Frank Harris. Recitations by Doris Parkinson, Ivy McManus, Violet Forshaw, Kathleen Hague, Jessie Wood, Ruth and Dorothy Harris, Duets by Mary Gibson and Violet Forshaw; Irene Watkins and Lily Frith; Dorothy Harris and Kathleen Hague; Mona Bettess and Katie Maren; Ruth Harris and Kathleen Hague. Solos by Miss Phyllis Jordan and Frank Harris, brought our happy Session to a close.—L. Vollans, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD.**—May 4th. Open Session. Prayer by the Conductor, Mr. H. Doswell. S.C. by Miss Pickvance, G.C. by H. Crooks, M.R. by Mrs. Taylor. Recitations by May Pickvance, Greta Johnson, Annie Aspden, and Marjorie Williamson. Solos by Mrs. H. Doswell and Miss Waterhouse. Trios by Marjorie Williamson, May Pickvance and Greta Johnson; Mr. Whittle, Mr. Haworth and Mr. H. Crooks. The Session was enjoyed by all.—H. Norris, Sec.

**GRIMSBY.**—May 4th, Afternoon Session. After our opening hymn we had our usual Open Session, when items were much appreciated from Miss Hockley, Miss Greenhalgh, Miss Robinson, Miss Trash, A. White, J. Chapman, G. Humberston, R. Humberston, Leonard Willey, and Mr. Rycroft. We afterwards had marching and callisthenics, conducted by Mrs. Howard. Our Conductor, Mr. Hockley, presided over the Session. P.S., Sec.

**HEATON NORRIS.**—On Apl. 26th we held our Open Session. Miss Griffiths was the Conductor. The readings were very well explained. The pearls and recitations, marching and callisthenics were very good.

At 6-30 Open Session and at 8 o'clock the service was conducted by the members. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent. We extend our thanks to all who helped in any way to make our day a success.—Mrs. E. Deplitch, Sec.

**HYDE,** George St.—On Saturday, Apl. 26th, a Fancy Dress Social was held, proceeds being for our Building Fund. Prizes were given for the best children's and adults' dresses. Mr. T. Smith's Band was in attendance for dancing. We had a fairly good attendance.

Apl. 27th. Lyceum Open Sessions during afternoon and evening. Both Sessions were well attended. A good number of recitations were given by the children.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

**IDLE.**—We held our third Anniversary Services on May 11th, conducted by Miss Stair, of Keighley. The following took part in the Open Session. Songs by Mrs. Hollings, Mrs. Dawson and Miss Allen. Recitation by Miss B. Hardaker, Master E. Goldthorpe, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes, and Master J. Allen.

In the evening Miss Stair addressed the service and we all enjoyed a most spiritual week-end.—Alfred Illingworth, Sec.

**LANCASTER,** Alliance.—Open Session, May 4th. A splendid Session was contributed to by Mrs. Dennison, Mrs. Watkinson (Padiham), R. Lees, Doris Kirk, J. Gardner, Alice Jones, Frank Dennison, Ada Griffin. Mrs. Watkinson's visit was most beneficial to our Session.—A. F. Rushworth, Sec.

**LANCASTER,** Gt. John St.—May 4th. Open Session. The items rendered by the various children were much appreciated. Doreen and Muriel Bleasdale, Vincent and Winnie Harrison, Tom, Willie, and Irene Bleasdale, Vincent and Winnie Harrison, Tom, Willie, and Irene Partidge, and a new scholar gave recitations. A duet from two of the older girls completed the morning's enjoyment. We are looking forward to our Summer Opening with great anticipation.—Marion Swale, Sec.

**LEICESTER,** Rupert St.—May 4th, Anniversary Services. Speaker, Mr. John Collingham of Notts., who gave good addresses which were enjoyed by all. The singing by the Lyceum was excellent. Solos and recitations well rendered. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Payne for training the scholars, Misses E. Wicks and D. Goldsmith conducted the services.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—May 4th. Mrs. Raspin named the infant son of Mrs. Mary Butterfield, in the presence of many Lyceumists and friends.

On May 18th we had a visit from Mrs. Paling, District Council Temperance Visitor.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Rochester Square.—The 1st Anniversary was held on April 27th. We conducted three services. There was a good attendance at the morning service. Mrs. Tims, of Southend, was present. She gave a short address. Special songs of praise were rendered by the children of the Lyceum.

At the afternoon Session well over 100 were present. Greetings were extended by representatives of seven Lyceums. The Session was conducted by Mr. Fruin (Uncle Bert) who also dedicated a Banner, presented by our dear Conductress. Prizes were presented and medals were also given to the two best Lyceumists throughout the year.—Harold Cover and Doris Lee.

The evening service had a record attendance, about 350 being present. All expressed their great pleasure at the enjoyable service. There were two small speakers who very ably spoke about the Lyceum. We are very grateful to God and the spirit friends for our Lyceum and the guidance which we have enjoyed during the past year. We earnestly desire all our friends and helpers to know how we appreciate their support.—D. M. Jordan.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session, May 4th. Conductor, Mrs. Soones. An enjoyable afternoon. The speaker, Mr. Pringle, told the interesting story of Joan of Arc. Another enjoyable item was a musical selection by Mr. Camper (Organ), Moira Connor and Harry Soones (violins). Other items enjoyed were recitations by June Bates, Betty Haughton, Lila Simms. Songs by Eileen Pettit, Molly Stoffer. The Musical Readings, G.C. and S.C. were finely rendered and pearls were good.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—Apr. 23rd, Open Session conducted by Miss Markham. Pearls, solos and recitations were well rendered by Lyceumists. A very harmonious time was spent together.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow, High St.—A Group system has been commenced and is making great progress.

Open Session, May 18th. Mr. Bell and Mr. Clegg complimented the Lyceum on progress made. A solo or recitation is provided by Lyceumists at Sunday evening services.

A Guild and Library are being formed; loan of lantern slides is needed. Offers write to,—Miss D. Thomas, 4, Ganning Road, Walthamstow.

MANCHESTER Progressive.—We held two Open Sessions on May 11th at 10-30 and 6-30. The evening Session was well attended by representatives from various Lyceums. Recitations and pianoforte solos were rendered by Lyceumists. Greetings were conveyed from 12 Lyceums and M. & S.L.D.C. The Session was enjoyed by all.—E. Jackson, Sec.

MANCHESTER, South Manchester.—Before a large attendance of Lyceumists and many friends on Sunday, Apr. 27th, Mr. J. Ernest Hart officiated at the naming of Mr. and Mrs. T. Robinson's infant daughter, Clarice Eva Robinson. The spiritual name of "Victoria" was given. After the ceremony Mr. Hart took the Liberty Group, the subject being "Mediumship." A very attentive hearing was given and much discussion took place. At the close the Chairman thanked Mr. Hart on behalf of all present for the interesting time he had given us.—J. Woodcock, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Old Hall St.—Let us have a real good time when we visit New Brighton on Whit-Saturday.

Our District Visitor gave a good report to the Council Meeting at Dearnley. Let us try to improve on it.—H. Andrew, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—The Lyceum Anniversary took place on May 3rd, 4th and 5th. Service of Song entitled "Nature" was given by the children. The speaker was Mr. Poole, of Nottingham. An enjoyable time was spent. Those responsible for training the children were Mr. Longcake, Mr. Hall, and Miss Sprakes.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On May 7th we held a very successful Jumble Sale in aid of the Lyceum's Summer Outing. Our thanks are extended to all our Friends who helped to make it a success. We now hope the "Clerk of the Weather" will be a friend to us on July 26th.—E. W. Long, Sec.

SOUTHEND and WESTCLIFF.—On May 18th our Conductor, Mrs. T. Tims, left us to reside in London. The Lyceumists presented her with an Illuminated Address and a sheaf of red roses as a parting gift. Before leaving Mrs. Tims said that she

was sure the new Conductor, Miss Eileen Hargreaves, would receive from the Lyceumists and the Spirit World the same support that she had done.

We hope to maintain our reputation and keep our flag flying in the future, as we have done during the 41 years Mrs. Tims has been with us. Mrs. Tims new address is 113, Torrano Avenue, Tufnell Park, N.W. 3.—Muriel Thomson, Sec., pro tem.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Cowley St.—At both our Anniversary Services success attended our efforts. Crowds of people had to be turned away through lack of room. The Lyceumists rendered a descriptive Service of Song, entitled "The Golden Ladder," with ladder and effects complete. The Lyceum Choir also rendered anthems by Handel and Mendelssohn. Mr. T. J. Robertson, Assistant Conductor, performed a Naming Ceremony on the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Barnett, the child being named "Margaret." A Lyceum Badge was pinned on the child by Mr. R. Smith, Lyceum Secretary, signifying its acceptance into membership. Our Anniversary Tea was held on Wednesday May 14th.

R. Smith, Secretary.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace, N.Z.—On February 23rd. we held the Dedication and Naming Ceremony of a baby, Audrey Adeline Burnett. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. R. A. Webb.

At our evening service on March 30th we rendered the Service of Song entitled "Netty." There was a large congregation. The Service was admirably rendered by our Lyceumists, under the able conductorship of Miss Lena Webb. Solos were rendered by Miss Gladys Webb and Master John Pauling.

S. Harris, Secretary.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—May 4th Open Session. We did not have a big attendance owing to it being a very wet day. Pearls and recitations by Evelyn and Chrissie Lindsay, Freda Bosiger, Molly Waterson, May Armitt, Albert and Mr. Pearson Solo by Molly Waterson and Fred Bosinger. Duet by E. Lindsay and M. Armitt. F. Bosinger and Mr. Pearson. Marching and callisthenics were led by our Assistant Conductor, Mr. Pearson.

On Easter Sunday we were favoured with a visit from the First Spiritualist Lyceumists. They certainly took us by surprise and I only hope that they will come oftener in the future. Everone passed a pleasant afternoon. Marching and callisthenics were gone through splendidly.

We also had a visit from Mr. G. R. Symons who inspired the children to push forward. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.

Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—Open Session, May 4th. We had a very pleasant afternoon. Songs, pearls and recitations were given by:—Daisy Knox, Olive Forrest, Harry Forrest, Gordon Fairburn, Miss M. Anderson, Mrs. Knox, Hazel Dale, Mrs. H. Forrest. Pianoforte solos by Daisy Knox, Harry Forrest. Readings by Mrs. Knox, and Mr. Knox. Solos by Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Forrest, Duet by Evelyn Hargreaves and Mr. Forrest.

E. Hargreaves, Sec.

JARROW, Ellison St.—On May 18th, Mr. Bert Hardwick, A.N.S.C., named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kilminster "John William," spiritual name "Light." The Lyceum rendered "Open the Door for the Children" and "Heart Flowers."

LEICESTER, Liberty.—Open Session May 4th. There was a good attendance of friends and keen interest was taken by the younger Lyceumists who took part. Recitations by Elsie Clements, Elsie Garratt, Jacky Whitbred, Mrs. Noon. Musical items by Miss G. Chamberlain, Kitty Townsend, Lavinia Garratt, Alice Gamble, Irene Ashley, Doris Garratt, Mr. S. Wheatley, Mr. F. Gamble, Mr. T. Kenny and Miss F. Ashby. On April 30th a Naming Ceremony by our Conductor and President, Mrs. Thwaites, took place at the evening service, of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayman. "Dennis Edward Hayman," spirit name Victor.

Thomas Kenney, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—May 11th. Open Session. Individual efforts by Misses E. Price, M. Overment, O. Nutt N. Nutt, M. Clive, G. Walker, C. Higginbottom, E. Marples, T. Beeton, P. Cook. Boys:—V. Porter, W. and A. Nutt, H. Cook, E. Marples. A very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon was spent.

B. Higginbottom, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—Open Session May 4th. Small number present. Recitations by Margaret Palfreeman, Kenneth Sidebotham, and Edna Sidebotham. Duet by Mr. R. Ruddock and Mr. J. Crawford. Song by Liberty Group.

J. Crawford, Sec.