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## The President's Address.

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BY EDITH ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C.

In presenting my Fourth Presidential Address it is with feelings of pride and pleasure that I offer my felicitations, and welcome you to this very ancient City of York, so renowned for its interesting history.

I pray that our deliberations this week-end will go down in the annals of our movement with outstanding features of organisation that shall produce increasing success.

During the past year the work of the Union has been carried on under very difficult conditions; yet the Management has been economically and efficiently maintained as far as conditions would allow.

We are again faced with a deficit of £149 on the year's work. Had it not been for the generous response by some Lyceums to the various appeals, there would have been a loss of £300, which gives an average of £6 a week.

At the last Conference a Capitation Fund of 6d. per Lyceumist was requested. Had this amount been obtained from the 14,000 Lyceumists in membership the Union would have had a much healthier outlook and we should have covered our expenses.

Our strength can be sufficient for a rise to the occasion. We must not be content with the "wait and see" formula, but act day by day to meet our responsibilities and obligations: thus can the effective work of the Union be carried along by progressive measures.

We have noted in the press that leaders of other denominations are deploring decreased memberships. The same difficulty has occurred during the last few years in our own ranks. Last year our return showed a decrease of 787 Lyceumists. This is a serious matter and two questions arise therefrom. Have we reached our zenith? or, have we failed to meet the demand of the rising generation in accordance with our teachings?

The ages during which we cease to have the attendance of a large percentage of Lyceumists are between 16 and 21 years. Are we providing the right kind of mental food that will stimulate and retain the membership until adult age is reached? Some methods can be re-discovered and re-stated, but during the youth period novel and attractive methods await introduction to retain this important section. We need the continued presence of Lyceumists who have been brought up in the movement to give stability and permanence to our local and national work. R. H. Tawney, the educationalist, very aptly states, "We think we are broadening children's minds when we are only elongating our own conversation." Thus the staying power of the Lyceum may be lost. Education does not depend upon the spoken word so much as the provision of the right environment.

Another striking and important point is that during the past ten years we have admitted 256 Lyceums into

membership, and during the same period 238 Lyceums have ceased affiliation. The net gain is very small. This result is paradoxical, or suggests lack of organisation in our ranks. We have arrived at the stage in our evolution when we should be able to discuss matters relative to religion, organisation and business without the personal element entering into our discussions. We must work zealously for the advancement of truth, operate our methods without jealousy, retain the old workers, welcome new members, and develop the maxim that "Unity is Strength."

### *An Echo of the International Spiritualist Congress.*

As a result of the Model Session given during the I.S.F. Congress during 1928, the Rev. M. Beversluis and Mrs. Green are organising a propaganda tour in the principal towns in Holland with a view to introducing the Lyceum method of education in all Spiritualist Churches. Their aim is to give a demonstration when the Congress meets at The Hague in 1931, if the propaganda proves successful. Thus we see the seeds of our labours are bearing fruit.

I often feel it would be a source of comfort and encouragement to our international friends if our Union did, by greetings and resolutions, initiate our sympathy with the struggles of people in other countries, particularly Spiritualists, who are working for religious, social, and economic emancipation. Children are always indirectly involved in all these changes: their welfare should be in our thoughts and part of our work.

The Morris Pratt Institute, U.S.A., some of the State Associations, the Spiritualist National Union of Canada, Lyceums in New Zealand, and Churches in South Africa, have all obtained supplies of the B.S.L.U. Education booklets. The tendency of unified and consistent teaching is aided by this process.

During the month of August the whole Movement was plunged into consternation at the sudden transition of our esteemed Education Secretary, Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A. The loss to the Union of such a beloved and valued servant will be felt for some time. All those who came in contact with her educational influence will realise its beneficial and lasting effect.

"Her works will live after her."

To-day we are sure she will grace our Conference with her presence to assure us of her continued interest and her love and affection in the furtherance of her "Highest Ideal."—Education. The point at which Miss Kitson left her labours was immediately taken up by her friend and colleague, Mr. A. T. Connor, who has undertaken assiduously and effectively the work of the Education Scheme. Our appreciation and gratitude cannot be too highly expressed.

The changes wrought through the transition of "Nellie," as we all knew her, and a desire to relieve the financial burden of the Union, led our Pioneer and Adviser, Mr. Alfred Kitson, to relinquish his salary, with this comment, "I am surrendering my salary of my own free will in order to help the Union regain its financial stability. This will make no difference to my services to the Union."

This generous action by Mr. Kitson, and the removal of the Educational stock to the General Office, will mean a saving of £100 per annum.

Such a sacrifice calls for our sincere commendation and an example which we all could follow by giving what generous support we can.

Impressed with the uncertainty of his mortal life, Mr. Kitson was further moved to offer (and the M.C. gratefully accepted) certain valuable books to the Union, along with his own publications (which cost over £80). His publications are to be offered for sale, and thus assist in building up our financial position.

I would strongly appeal to all Lyceums to make use of our Publications Dept., for herein lies the greatest source of income of the Union. Without your aid we cannot continue.

#### *Re-Organisation.*

Owing to the continued adverse industrial conditions, along with a declining income, it seems that re-organisation is almost imperative.

We have arrived at the point where I think both National Organisations should be prepared to face this issue. The present system of electing our Representatives has not proved to be the success which was contemplated. The question arises,—“Is it as efficient as in former years?” It may appear to be an expensive luxury, and one that could, under the present economic conditions, be discarded. On the other hand, I think it would be unwise to attempt to reduce the Areas for Representation to less than four. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and General Secretary, along with the four elected Representatives, could form the Management Committee to conduct the duties outlined in the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Union. Three meetings could be held during the year, one at the A.G.M., and the other two during October and April. Important business arising in the meantime may be relegated to the Officers. These methods would save approximately £25 per annum.

Every branch of the Movement should be brought into line to conform with the desired re-organisation and some scheme could be evolved to bring about this much needed change.

I think the B.S.L.U., the S.N.U., and also the B.M.U. could very profitably confine their activities at one central Headquarters, say Manchester, London, or Leeds, where all business would be transacted, but each have their own departments.

A Committee of Enquiry could be set up with a view to consolidating both Unions, each with powers to regulate their own activities, and yet arrange a gradual and sure merge for becoming a perfect “Whole.”

#### *Propaganda.*

This should form part of the scheme. It is contended in some parts of the Movement that Propaganda should not form part of the duties of the E.C., but should be relegated to the lesser branches of the movement.

Our Propaganda should be under the control of the National Committee and provide a selection of suitable speakers who would speak at various centres. Where a special invitation is given there should be a guarantee that the expenses incurred will be paid by the inviting Lyceum or D.C. Propaganda is our strongest weapon and we should never fail to use it when and wherever we can. Let us not be ashamed of the Principles for which

we stand, espousing, not only the fundamentals of Religion, but also the Ethical side, both of which influence the International, National, Political and Social Life. What we are going to make out of the new age opening out before us depends upon the attitude we adopt to operate the reconstructive forces.

Great problems of every kind will call for early solutions. Let us be foremost in our calling amongst the religions of the world, and advocate a policy that leads to a safe and sure Democracy.

#### *The Civic Welcomes given to our Annual Conferences.*

These give a clear indication that the bias and prejudice of the past are being removed. Still we are labouring under legal disabilities in the practice of Spiritualism and our revealed Truth. Could the Civic influence be extended to the National Government—to redeem as far as permissible the promises made by M.P. assenters to our rights in religious practices—the vision of a greater freedom would be clear before us.

Still onward must we direct our energies, jointly with the S.N.U., to bring about the passing of the Amending Act for the legal practice of Spiritual gifts.

#### *The Conference Agenda.*

I would commend to your serious consideration the items appearing on the Agenda, and trust that when discussing them you will keep in mind the effect each will have upon the welfare of the Union. Let “Constructiveness” be the keynote and your guide in the policy adopted for the realisation of the achievement of those objects for which the Union exists,—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

I shall soon lay down my chain of office. Four years ago, when taking upon myself this duty, a message from the Higher Forces was sent to me, “Let truth and honour be your guide.” During my term of office I have faithfully complied thereto.

To my fellow Officers and colleagues I tender my grateful thanks for their willing help and consideration shown to me. Also the Lyceumists the world over for their expressions of love and kindness, and the ever ready response to appeals in the interest of the Lyceum Cause.

Our genial Secretary has been a faithful ally throughout.

I do not forget those ministering souls above who have stimulated us and given us courage to go forward. All this has helped to lessen the burden of responsibility and made my duty a pleasure.

To my successor I offer my cordial wishes for a happy and successful term of office.

In conclusion let me remind you,—There is yet much to be done, much to be achieved, and only by your persistent efforts and loyal service can this be attained.

“With every fibre of thy soul  
Strive thou for perfect self-control,  
With every atom of thy will  
Reach up to the invisible.  
Burn up in Love's seraphic fire  
The dross of Self. Transmute desire  
Into the will that cleaves the night  
Betwixt thee and the one true light.  
Persistence is the royal key  
To this alchemic mystery.”

EDITH ELLIOTT,

President, 1926—1930.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

I hope you will not think I am like a Yorkshire Pudding because I said I was going to York, this is not the case.

All the same I must tell you that Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I, had a jolly time there.

I said I would tell you anything of interest which took place at Conference, but of course you do not want me to weary you with all the business side of our visit.

I wonder how many of you have seen that beautiful picture of a little girl standing in the midst of a group of animals, including a lion, and a lamb. It was painted by William Strutt and is called "Peace, a little child shall lead them."

I do not want to suggest that any members attending Conference were either as fierce as lions or as gentle as lambs, but the title of this picture came to my mind when I found the children of the York Lyceum guiding those who were strangers across the city to the Church.

These boys and girls worked so hard, that Mr. Keeling had a bright idea up his sleeve for them.

He suggested that we made a collection and took them with us for a trip on the river on Whit-Monday.

This was another case where they worked for love, having no idea of reward, but reward came to them which they all enjoyed.

On Sunday morning too, they took another very interesting part; they gave us all a right real Yorkshire Welcome.

I could of course tell you a lot of things which took place during the week-end, including a pillow fight which took place between us London Delegates and our Yorkshire friends who billeted us. I expect most of you were just asleep while this was taking place as it was in the early hours of the morning.

I think our Yorkshire friends must have had some idea of our character as they billeted us all together in a house adjoining the City wall which you read of in history. The gates of York are locked at night.

There were two other points which I want to try and give you a lesson from.

One was a visit to the wonderful Minster. Here it was that Canon Bell told us that the present building was erected as it stands to-day after eight hundred years of labour, and was on the spot where once stood a little wooden hut.

If you can get a picture of the Minster and compare it with such a hut, it will help you to appreciate how much work must have been done throughout these many years.

Now here is an adapted Yorkshire tale.

Lyceum Conductor—walking down street, saw boy playing making mud pies. Asked the lad what he was doing "Awm makkin a Chotch (Church)."

The Conductor asked—"And what are these?" (pointing to pies). "Them's t'saits o' course." "And what may these be?" "Them's t' fowkes as cums to the session." "And where is the Conductor?" "O, it taks ower much muck t'mak a Conductor."

Of course we may not be in full agreement with this idea of our Conductors. At the same time an idea on the more serious side ran through my mind at Conference.

It was that in a few years time you boys and girls would be sitting on the Conference platform as the President and other officers of the Council, while others would be taking our places in the body of the Hall as delegates.

It was Mr. Edwards, a gentleman who has seen many Conferences, who gave me just the lesson for you, although he was referring to other business at the time.

He said, "If we say we cannot do it, we never shall do it." What a wonderful lesson. I wonder if Sir Christopher Wren had said it cannot be done, as he stood looking at the heap of ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral, when he was contemplating its rebuilding, what would have happened.

You, in turn may be tempted to say regarding holding some important office in our Movement in the future, "I cannot do it." But stop a moment and consider. Your examinations are coming on at school. You have progressed from the infants' school to the class you are in to-day, you may have had your fears each exam., but by putting your best into your efforts you have won success. To-day you are as it were, a small hut, but to-morrow you can be one of England's landmarks in Spiritual attainment and truly it will be said of many of you: He or she was once a child in the Lyceum "A little child shall lead them."

I only wish you could see this picture on canvas as I can, and coming out of the picture into real life.

Next month we shall have to think about School holidays again.

#### LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 154. 1. Yorkshire v Kent.  
2. Australians v Surrey.  
3. Worcestershire v Oxford.  
4. Middlesex v Warwick.  
5. Leicestershire v Hampshire.

No. 153.—This month's efforts not to hand.

#### THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 155.  
My first is in Sea, but not in land.  
My Second in Solo, but not in duet.  
My Third in gong, but not in bell.  
My Fourth in Magazine, but not in book.  
My Fifth in Glass, but not in China.  
My Sixth in Gate, but not in door.  
My Seventh in Easter, but not in Whitsun.  
My Eight in Early, but not in late.  
My Whole as a book or a bird may be found.

No 156.

Can you find six Seaside Resorts, the first letter of each if put in correct order will give you a boy's name.

Address your letters and replies to:—

UNCLE BERT,  
2, Villiers Road,  
Osterley, Middx.

Success to you all in your summer term's exams.

With love,  
UNCLE BERT.

*The Mutual Aid Bureau will be continued next month.*

## The Education Department.

### THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

(Under the auspices of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.)

### ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SECTION of the NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

#### THE CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION.

As will be seen from the Conference Report elsewhere, the recommendation of the Education Committee "that the Education Committee shall in future consist of the Education Secretary (to be nominated and appointed by Conference), the General Secretary, and the President for the time being—with power to co-opt," was adopted by Conference, and Mr. A. T. Connor, F.N.S.C., was appointed Education Secretary. So the policy that worked so successfully this year will be in operation next year.

The full Committee is Miss V. G. Rayner, A.N.S.C., our new President; Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C., our General Secretary and Editor, and Mr. Connor. Her colleagues regret the automatic resignation of Miss E. Elliott, A.N.S.C., the retiring Union President, as her wise counsel was greatly appreciated. The new Committee is also the B.S.L.U. section of the Joint Education Committee and of the Governing Board of The National Spiritualist College.

At a meeting of the Committee held immediately after Conference, Miss Rayner was appointed Chairman, Miss M. E. Lawton, G.N.S.C., was co-opted as Oral Grade Secretary (with a seat on the Committee) and Miss Eva C. Connor, A.N.S.C., as Clerical Assistant to the Secretary (without a seat on the Committee). The Committee was then joined by Mrs. Paling and Mr. Berry (S.N.U. Education Committee), Mrs. L. K. George (Liverpool L.D.C.), Miss Lawton, Miss Elliott, and other educational enthusiasts, and there ensued an informal discussion on the possibility and advisability of introducing an extra examination (hinted at by Mrs. George during the Conference discussion) between the Grade-V.-and-Entrance Examination and the Intermediate Grade Examination. No decision was arrived at, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the introduction of an extra examination should be carefully considered with regard to its possible harmful effect on the present Scheme. But the idea is well worth considering.

#### EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

The questions set for Grade I. to Grade III. are appended. Questions set for the other Grades will be printed in future issues.

#### TO CANDIDATES.

- (i) Read through the paper, "Instructions to Candidates," sent to you before the examination.
- (ii) 20 marks are allowed for each of the *five* answers. The possible total is 100.
- (iii) DO NOT copy out the questions. Just put the number and letter in the margin of your answer paper.

(Time allowed—not more than **THREE** hours.)

#### GRADE I. QUESTIONS.

All FIVE QUESTIONS to be attempted.

Answer *either* Part A *or* Part B—NOT BOTH parts.

1. Explain the meaning of ONE of the following, as you would if asked to do so in the Lyceum Session:—

PART A—S.C.R. 66, THE ASSOCIATED SPIRITS.  
*Do vain shall thou, or any, call  
The Spirits from their golden day,  
Except, like them, thou too can'st say  
My spirit is at peace with all.*

OR

PART B—S.C.R. 93, DEEDS NOT WORDS.  
*Work is prayer if done for God,  
Prayer which God delighted hears.*

2. PART A—G.C.R. 108, THE LYCEUM.

What is a Lyceum; and what are (a) its objects, (b) its chief principle and (c) its glorious aim? (Answer in your own words, or you may quote the words of the **Lyceum Manual**).

PART B—G.C.R. 148, THE ORIGIN OF THE LYCEUM, and Handbook I.

Say what you think must be the necessary qualifications of Leaders in the Summerland Lyceums, to enable them to teach in the way described in the Golden Chain and the Handbook.

3. PART A—G.C.R. 139, CHILDREN IN SPIRIT LIFE, and Handbook I.

Say all you can about how children are met and taken care of when they enter the Summerland.

OR

PART B—Handbook I., THE ORIGIN OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

Pretend you are Lucretia Pulver, and tell as much as you can of the story she told Mr. Lewis in April, 1848.

4. PART A—Handbook I.

Write out in full the PRINCIPLES of Modern Spiritualism, and say what you can about the TWO you like best.

OR

PART B—M.R. 211, BE KIND TO OTHERS.

In one of the Connective Readings we are taught: "*Try, in every way you can, to make the world a good and pleasant place to yourself and others.*" State four ways in which you think we can do this—explaining why you think so.

5. PART A—Handbook I.

Tell as much as you can of how Alfred Kitson has earned the right to be called the Father of the British Spiritualist Lyceum Movement.

OR

PART B—Handbook I.

Say what you have learned, in your study of the Handbook, about any FOUR of the following pioneers: E. W. Capron, Judge Edmonds, Rev. A. H. Jervis, Mrs. Tamlin, Mr. Draper, Professor Hare, and Andrew Jackson Davis.

#### GRADE II. QUESTIONS.

All FIVE QUESTIONS to be attempted.

Answer *either* Part A *or* Part B—NOT BOTH parts.

1. PART A—Write a Summary of S.C.R. 78, INVITATION TO THE LYCEUM,  
OR

PART B—S.C.R. 4, OUR MISSION.

Explain what you think is meant by the following verse:

*If you are too weak to journey  
Up the mountain steep and high,  
You can stand within the valley  
While the multitudes go by;  
You can chant in happy measure  
As they slowly pass along:  
Though they may forget the singer,  
They will not forget the song.*

2. PART A—Handbook II., page 10.

What do you think Spiritualism means by its PRINCIPLE, The Brotherhood of Man?

OR

PART B—Handbook II., page 5.

Say what you can to prove the claim that "all the phenomena of Spiritualism demonstrate that: ALL SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MANIFESTATION ARE NATURAL."

3. PART A—G.C.R. 148, ORIGIN OF THE LYCEUM.

Write a letter to a non-Spiritualist friend, describing (a) what Andrew Jackson Davis saw in his vision of the Summerland, and (b) how Spiritualist Lyceums were established upon Earth.

OR

PART B—G.C.R. 142, THE AIM OF SPIRITUALISM.

Explain THREE of the following sentences:

- (a) *It considers forms and ceremonies as not essential.*
- (b) *It prizes the sign only for the signification.*
- (c) *It lays down no creed, asks no symbols, and reverences no time or place exclusively.*
- (d) *It does not make the means the end.*
- (e) *All true aspiration, all noble effort, is worship.*

4. PART A—M.R. 203, THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

Give a summary of the teachings of this Musical Reading.

OR

PART B—M.R. 218, ARE WE NOT BROTHERS.

Explain as you would if you had taken the last Connective Reading in the Lyceum Session, what you think is meant by:—

*"Every man is bound to assist his comrades and to work with them as a brother, instead of against them as an enemy, making love the guide as well as the crown of human achievements."*

5. PART A — G.C.R. 136, THE TEACHINGS OF SPIRITUALISM.

Explain what you think is meant by (a) Vicarious atonement for sin, and (b) A partial and vindictive God.

OR

PART B—Handbook II., pages 14-16.

- (a) How do you arrive at the conclusion that SPIRITUALISM IS A PERSONAL REFORM?
- (b) What do you think is meant by THE DISPLACEMENT OF CREED BY CONDUCT, as a means of salvation?

GRADE III. QUESTIONS.

All FIVE QUESTIONS to be attempted.

Answer ONE part of questions 2, 3, 4, or 5 (NOT BOTH parts).

1. Write a Connective Reading of about 100 words, to follow S.C.R. 93, verse 5:

*Deeds are powerful, mere words weak,  
Battering at high heaven's door:  
Let thy love by actions speak;  
Wipe the tears from sorrow's cheek;  
Clothe the poor.*

2. Write a summary of the teachings of EITHER S.C.R. 51, LIFE'S BUILDERS, OR G.C.R. 138, DEATH AND THE AFTER LIFE.

3. PART A—Handbook II., page 18.

Discuss "Against faith in a sacrificial god-man we put reliance on the spiritual constitution of our own nature."

OR

PART B—M.R. 212, HAND IN HAND WITH ANGELS.

Explain to a friend who is NOT a Lyceumist: *Hand in hand with angels, through the world we go;  
Brighter eyes are on us than we blind ones know;  
Tenderer voices cheer us than we deaf will own:  
Never, walking heavenward, can we walk alone.*

4. PART A—Handbook II. and G.C.R.'s 140 and 141. What do we understand by PHYSICAL PHENOMENA? How are they valuable to Spiritualism?

OR

PART B—G.C.R. 140, MEDIUMSHIP.

Explain "spirit power is limited in expression by the organism through which it works."

5. Handbook II., pages 25 to 40.

Say what you can about EITHER

PART A—The formation and development of the Lyceum Union,

OR

PART B—The establishment and growth of the Education Scheme.

For all information about the S.N.U. Education Scheme, for Entry Forms, or for sets of Question papers, apply to

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

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

Mr. G. F. KNOTT, F.N.S.C., 29, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

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

Mr. A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., 13, Claremont Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

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## A Message from our New President.

Dear Fellow Lyceumists Everywhere,

This is Victoria G. Rayner writing to you; but this time it is as your President, that I give greeting to each and all.

It is my privilege to take this opportunity to express my very sincere thanks and appreciation for conferring this honour upon me, which is truly a token of your confidence and trust.

To my predecessor, Miss Edith Elliott, I must pay tribute by saying that I am fully conscious that I succeed a noble and faithful exemplar of our beloved Lyceum cause, whose capabilities combined with true womanhood, will leave their mark behind.

In taking over the reins of office from her, I do so with profound admiration of her work and a deep reverence for the cause, and with the determination to carry forward, as far as my abilities and capacity will allow, the great work at issue. **YOU SHALL HAVE FULLY AND FREELY THE BEST THAT IN ME LIES.** I feel very confident of success, because my interest is wholehearted. I am delighted, beyond the power to express, at the opportunity afforded me for a fuller service in the glorious labour of love, through the Lyceums, for humanity.

Taking a brief review of the present status of the movement, the question arises, "What are the essential qualifications for the making of an ideal President?" Sympathy and kindness; decidedly, in abundance; but if these were all, there would be a lack. Firmness and justice, of themselves; again there would be a lack—but if a combination of these could be exercised, along with patience and forbearance, persistency, and perseverance, with a good business head, and a mind fertile with ideas, along with a keen susceptibility to finer realities, what may not be accomplished?

To know the requirements is one thing, to possess them is another, and the correct application is still another. In respect to the law of application, each circumstance must plead its own case, and be dealt with accordingly. Experience must be the guiding factor. The point then arises, "How far am I short of the needs? I cannot answer for the moment; but time will tell. I can but aspire to seek the cultivation of the requisite attributes for the creditable fulfilment of the duties devolving upon such a position.



And inspiration from on high shall come,  
When noble souls shall counsel give, in love  
Transmitting that interpretation true  
Of grand existing principles above.  
The noble pioneers of this our cause,  
Will congregate, combining pow'r and skill,  
To bring upon the Earth a betterment,  
Those A. J. Davis visions to fulfil.  
And comrades in the cause shall comrades be,  
And mighty bonds shall weld in one vast chain,  
Such are the wondrous dreams of brotherhood.  
The heights divine we're seeking to attain.

I contend that we as Lyceumists cannot aim too high and the real true sentiments of our teaching should supply a stability of conduct and character to reflect upon all our activities, raising us above all pettiness and meanness, so that we may be in fact, not less than 100 per cent. worthy. We have great scope for fruitful profitable work within our present organisation.

May I appeal to all in the British Isles and Overseas to stand "Shoulder to Shoulder," to take advantage of the facilities offered for Education; to support our schemes specially inaugurated to benefit each and all. Do not forget to turn to the £2000 Effort appeal, and I earnestly entreat you to help me achieve success.

I specially ask you to continue your support of the Union's funds in every possible way. Purchase the various publications, and try to increase the Banner sales. Let us be a healthy, flourishing movement, vigorous with enthusiasm, vibrant with activity, finding joy and happiness in our unity and prosperity.

Lyceumists all, you are looking to me for much. I know it, I will do my best, with the help of God and the Angels. I will not fail you; but I pray that you too will do your part in every possible way, so that Victory may be ours.

I entered my first Lyceum when I was 10 years of age

and my interest and love has grown and deepened ever since. Both my parents were Spiritualists, so that I have been blessed with the advantage of a natural training. I joined the Nottingham Spiritual Evidence Society's Lyceum, now held at the Mechanic's Hall, but then held at the Cobden Hall, in 1904. I passed through the various offices and was finally appointed Conductor. This is my sixteenth year in that position. During that period I have supplied original programmes of my own composition for each Anniversary, and also for Special services; never repeating any one programme, although many times requested to do so.

I have passed all the grades in the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme and acted as Tutor and Examiner. One winter I conducted five classes a week until the Examination and studied and passed grade V. I really loved it.

On March 23rd, 1916, I was elected Secretary of the Nottingham Lyceum District Council, with five Lyceums in membership. This is my 14th year in that position, with 16 Lyceums in Membership. Then came my appointment to the Management Committee as representative for Area 'G' six years ago. In July of last year I became Secretary for the £2000 effort, which work has afforded me more pleasure than I could have dreamed, when I rather reluctantly, if the truth must be told, accepted the office. My appointment to the Presidency at this juncture has been a surprise to me.

And now I am sure I have written quite as much as is necessary about myself, unless it is to add that I have held the position of a Vice-President of the Nottingham Spiritual Evidence Society for the past two years.

Much could be said on the various branches of work, but I feel sure I have given sufficient for the present purpose. Trusting we may go forward with renewed stimulus for the achievement of the highest and the best; always walking beneath the Banner of love until our mission on earth is fulfilled. With the ripe fruit of experience we shall explore fields anew and find fuller expression in that real life of activity beyond.

V. G. RAYNER, A.N.S.C.

### VAGRANCY ACT AND SPIRITUALISM.

*The York Herald*, June 9th, 1930, reports:—"The liability of spiritualist mediums to prosecution under the Vagrancy Act was discussed at the 41st Annual Conference of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union held at York on Saturday and yesterday. Miss E. Elliott (retiring President), of Manchester, was in the chair.

Attention was drawn to the fact that under existing law, mediums were subject to prosecution, and the National Spiritualist Union was petitioning Parliament for a removal of the restrictions under which the Church and its workers found themselves. The claims of the Union for freedom for its members had so far been recognised that the Home Secretary (Mr. J. R. Clynes) had promised to meet a deputation to discuss the matter.

The Conference heartily approved the steps taken by the Union, as a body, and decided to support the petition.

The educational policy of the Union was discussed and methods were suggested for increasing its work and activities. Special attention was paid to suggested methods for widening the appeal of the Lyceum to adolescents within the movement.

### PHOTOGRAPHS OF LYCEUMISTS AT YORK.

The Group photograph taken at York, outside the Minster, can be obtained at 1s. each, from Mr. C. W. Fairfax, 324, Swan Lane, Coventry. The photographs are 6 by 4½ inches, mounted on cards 10 by 8 inches. The proceeds are being given to the £2,000 Effort. Send your orders direct to Mr. Fairfax. The photographs will be sent in rotation as the orders are received. Get a photo and help the Effort.

### B.S.L.U. Annual Conference. PROPAGANDA MEETING.

Miss Elliott presided at the evening service which opened with the singing of "Hall of Progress." Mrs. Calway offered an invocation.

Miss Elliott said we were at the culmination of the week-end's proceedings, when we had been legislating for the future. It was just a quarter of a century since Conference met in York previously.

Miss Elliott appropriately introduced Mr. Keeling, Mrs. Calway, Miss Rayner, and Mr. Knott to the congregation. She said it was her pleasant duty to perform the induction ceremony of our newly elected President, Miss Rayner, of Nottingham. She handed over the chain of office and wished Miss Rayner all success, and hoped for the continued progress of the Lyceum Movement.

Miss Rayner in accepting office said that since her election she had felt as though she was in a lovely garden of human blossoms in all stages of growth, but she herself felt like a simple little field daisy. She had thought of the simplicity of the daisy, and also of the possibilities. She looked to the spirit people for aid and knew they would not fail her if she did not fail them.

Mr. Keeling was retrospective in his remarks. He recalled his entry to the Executive Council 27 years previously. On that occasion he had pledged himself to the Lyceum movement, and that pledge still held good.

The Lyceum movement, in his mind, was a very big thing. It was not to make Spiritualists, not as Spiritualists, but to make every human being a "conscious child of God."

He said this was perhaps the last time he would speak as a member of the M.C., and he wanted his last word to Lyceumists to be: "Get right inside yourselves. Don't look outside. The kingdom of heaven is not outside; it is within."

Mr. Knott made reference to several very old spiritualists in the congregation, especially one old lady who had been present at the very first Lyceum Session held in England, in Nottingham, in 1866.

We are essentially an educational movement. We must have truth as our foundation and logic as our guide. The more we come in contact with other people the more we want to know their outlook. The best way to acquire knowledge is to seek it from the person who already has it.

Mr. Knott said the great thing he liked about the Lyceum movement was that it made one of its objects "better conditions in the work-a-day world."

Mrs. Greenwood very eloquently pleaded for support of the S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence.

Miss Rayner pronounced the benediction.



Dear Little Imps,

July is such a lovely month that it always makes me think of that little, old rhyme.

"The world is so full of a number of things,  
That we should all be as happy as kings."

There is so much to enjoy in the big out-of-doors. With trees full of leaves, gardens full of flowers, and birds full of song—there is a great deal to see and hear. Have you ever gone, all by yourself, into a field, and kept very still and just listened? Isn't the noise surprising? Boys and girls are not the only chatter-boxes in the world. They have good rivals in birds and bees, grasshoppers and frogs, to say nothing of all the noise of fairy folk. I often wonder what it would be like if we could only change places. Perhaps they wonder too! At least I know of one little Elf who grew tired and wanted a change.

#### THE THUMBLEKIN ELF.

Once upon a time, the Thumblekin Elf was tired of living in Elfin Town, and so he decided he would run away and see the world. You see, he was a very tiny elf. In fact, it was being so small that was his big worry. All the other elves in Elfin Town thought they must take care of him. Whatever the Thumblekin Elf wanted to do, some big elf was sure to say "Don't do that, Thumblekin, or you will hurt yourself."

At last, the Thumblekin Elf could stand it no longer. One night, when every other elf was asleep in a flower cradle, he set off on his travels. He took no food and he took no money, but he was very careful to take his Hide-me-cap and his Take-me-there-cloak. With these two things he was quite sure he could have some great adventures. His Hide-me-cap would let him go anywhere, and remain unseen. The Take-me-there-cloak would take him anywhere he wished. The Thumblekin Elf did not have to look at time-tables, or try to catch buses that had just gone.

When he left Elfin Town, it was still night, and all was dark and quiet. He felt just a wee bit frightened, until he remembered how, that very day, he had heard "Don't do that, Thumblekin!" exactly 49 times. "I am tired of 'Don'ts!'" he said, and, no longer feeling afraid, he set out to seek adventures.

For a little while he could not decide where to go first. There were so many exciting things to do, and places to see, that it was really hard to choose. Then, two crows flew by, and he heard them talk about finding lots of food at a farm. That settled Thumblekin, and, putting on his Hide-me-cap, and fastening around him

the Take-me-there-cloak, he said "I want to be on a nice big farm." In the twinkling of an eye the tiny elf found himself in the kitchen of a fine farmhouse in Devon. Even though it was quite early, the farm people were astir. Mary, the milk-maid, came clattering in with a pail full of warm sweet milk. The men were bustling off to mow a meadow, and Mrs. Giles, the farmer's big wife—was just off to feed the fowls before the children came for their breakfast. The Thumblekin Elf had great fun that day. Of course, he could not be seen, and he was so very inquisitive that he followed everybody about, and tried to see all over the farm. He watched the mowing, and the hay-making, and saw the farm boys digging up potatoes in the fields. He climbed the loft with the children in search of eggs, and he helped to milk the cows, and to churn butter. Thumblekin had just decided that a farm was the best of all places, when he heard Mrs. Giles call out to the baby, "Don't do that, you might hurt yourself!" "Dear, dear, dear!" sighed the elf. "This is another land of 'Don'ts.' I can't stay here. Now where can I go next?" Just then he heard one of the boys say "I'm off to London when I'm older. London's a fine place." "Well, Well!" thought the Thumblekin Elf. "If London is a fine place, that is the place for me, as soon as I've had a good drink of dew and some nectar for my tea."

Very soon the Thumblekin Elf found himself in London, amongst all the noise and bustle of Piccadilly. Never before had that little elf felt so very, very, small, and never before had he been so glad of his Hide-me-cap. Thumblekin decided that all the people in the world must have come to Piccadilly, to say nothing of those great big buses which made such a clatter, and the sound of so many funny horns. He had never heard so much noise before, and he thought of the peace of Elfin Town with just a tiny sigh. He was wondering which could be the very best place for him to rest, when he saw a flower-seller, with a tray full of bright blossoms. Thumblekin crept into the heart of a rose, and was soon fast asleep.

When Thumblekin awoke, he found himself shut up in a very strange house indeed. Really he was in a box, for *his* rose had been bought with some others, and now was on its way to a big hospital for little children. When the box was delivered, and opened, the little elf felt very proud, for he heard twenty little children shout with joy at the lovely flowers. "Wouldn't those children shout, if they knew I was with the roses!" laughed Thumblekin. "I know! I'll take off my fairy cap and cloak and I'll have some fun!" The tiny elf danced from cot to cot, and at each one a sick child laughed at being able to see a real elf. Only the nurse could not see Thumblekin, for she had forgotten that elves lived, and so, of course, she could not see this one. Nurse thought her children were laughing at the dancing sunbeams that came into the ward.

The Thumblekin Elf had almost decided to stay for ever with these children when he heard Nurse say a "Don't" to one little fellow. Then, he knew that he couldn't stay in any land where Don'ts lived. Besides, he was growing just a wee bit lonely and wishing that he might talk elfin-talk again with some other elf. He had been away from Elfin-Town for a whole long day and, really, a day is a very long time when one can't talk one's own language.



The elf returned to his rose. He put on his cap and cloak, and murmured. "Oh, please, cloak, take me home," and as he wished, he shut his eyes tight. When the Thumblekin Elf opened his eyes, he found himself sitting on his own toadstool, just by his own little house. Before long, other elves saw him, and wanted to know wherever he had been that day. "Why, little Thumblekin, they said "We have missed you. We have searched everywhere in Elfin Town for you." Thumblekin told of his travels. "I liked the children's part the best," he said, "but even there, there was one 'Don't.'" The elves laughed, but the Elfin King said, "Thumblekin Elf, you have been so brave to make that journey all alone that I shall let you choose your prize." The Thumblekin Elf thought just for a moment, and then said. "Thank you, Elfin King. The prize that I would like best of all, is that you banish every 'don't' out of Elfin Town for ever." The king gave Thumblekin his prize and that is why, ever since that day, Elfin Town has been the happiest part of Fairyland. There isn't a single "Don't" in all the town.

How would you like a world with no "Don'ts" in it, Imps? I think it would be too good to be true. Don't you?

Your loving Imp,  
MEG,

### £2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists All,

Again my report and appeal to you is due. Although things seem a little quiet just now, I am not in the least daunted, as I look upon it as the sowing time. When you have read the particulars of my offer this month, I am sure that some signs of life and activity will appear. To get right to the point, the Musical Recital entitled, "The Reality of God," is now on sale and I await your orders. Now do let us keep things alive, do not for one moment allow apathy to enter into our movement. If we do, we are lost. What matter if you have many times been disappointed and thwarted; so have we all, in one way or another. Let us rise above it all and make our movement hum with our united exertion and our enthusiasm. Put into it that great energising principle—Love. We do not want merely to exist, we want to live. We want to feel that great binding power.

For years we have been trying to raise £2,000. Have you done anything towards it? If not, why not? To those who have done so much for the fund, I also again appeal. Will you take advantage of my offer? "The Reality of God" is a work arranged in two Leaflets, one containing the Programme, hymns, solos and duets; the other is a print of the Recitations. The Hymn Leaflets I am offering at one penny each, and the Recitation Leaflets at two-pence each.

Now do please read this carefully, I am making a special offer to help to place the rendering of this work within the reach of your acceptance, by offering the Hymn Leaflets for 4/6 per 100 post free. The necessary number of Recitation Leaflets required by each Lyceum will be 18. These at 2d. per copy will amount to 3/- post free. I cannot offer these cheaper because the sales will be smaller. And please remember it is only by receiving a number of good orders from you

that I can make the balance I am aiming for, for the £2,000 Effort.

Let me quote the prices again, so that there shall be no mistake. You definitely require 18 Recitation Leaflets, 2d. per copy, 3/- post free. Hymn Leaflets, 4/6 per 100 post free. All orders LESS than 100 1d. per copy.

Kindly note, any orders for odd copies of the complete work, the charge will be 3d.

Here are some hints on the way each Lyceum may make it a real success. Someone should be definitely responsible for training and conducting the singing, and someone for the Recitations, so that a correct rendering may be the result. Care should be taken to select those suitable to the parts, and when all have mastered their parts, arrange one or two full rehearsals, so that each will know who they follow, without being called upon. The Chairman's part should only be a prompter's part. Solos and duets and everything are to be taken without announcement, the only exception being where a congregational hymn is required, or an extra item introduced, such as a special Solo, Instrumental or Vocal, which could be interspersed. For instance a special Solo could follow item 14, which is recitation No. 9. An Instrumental Solo could follow item No. 15, which is the congregational Hymn, No. 8. and another special Solo could follow item 21, which is recitations 15 and 16.

These are only suggestions, the carrying out of which will depend upon available talent and time, for if you have a Speaker there will not be time to fill in three extra items, and in any case a 10 minutes' speech is about all that would be required. No. 20 on the programme, which is Hymn No. 11, the music will be found in Sankey's book, not the Bristol T.B. Hymn No. 13, which is item 24 on the Programme, could, if desired, be taken as a Duet.

Now I think I have covered all the points for the time being, unless it is to add, that should you find it difficult to get all together for practice, do not discouraged, but rehearse those taking part when you can and how you can, always taking care to let each one know where to follow and whom, and you will be surprised how, almost automatically, the whole programme will build itself on the day chosen for its rendering. I have always found that the children and all concerned rise to the occasion.

Trusting all Lyceums will support and make a grand success for themselves and also for the £2,000 Effort.

I gratefully acknowledge the following contributions received this month: Mr. G. Lambert, for cracker, 1/6; Mr. Smith, Sheffield, farthings, value 8d; Collected by delegates on boat, at York, 8/-; Anon, Holloway, 1/-; Retiring collection at Anniversary Services, at Heaton and Byker Lyceum per Mrs. Hunter, 7/-; Mrs. Gunn, Nottingham, 2/6; Total £1 os. 8d.

Sample copies of "The Reality of God," sold at Conference, amounted to 18/6. I am looking forward to being able to give a separate and real fine report of this venture. Once again thanking you in anticipation of your support,

Yours Sincerely,

VICTORIA G. RAYNER,

Hon Sec. £2,000 Effort.

112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

N.B.—All orders must be sent to me at the above address.

## 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.

**CORNELIA** (Cor-nē-li-a). No. 145. She was the daughter of Scipio Africanus the elder, and the mother of Tiberius and C. Gracchus. She was courted by a king, but preferred being the wife of a Roman citizen to that of a monarch. When a Campanian lady made a show of her jewels at Cornelia's house and entreated Cornelia to favour her with a sight of her own jewels, Cornelia produced her two sons, Tiberius and Caius, saying "These are the only jewels of which I can boast." After her decease the Romans erected a statue to her memory, with this inscription, "To Cornelia, mother of the Gracchi." Cornelia lived about 200 B.C.

**DARLING, Grace Horsley** (No. 145), was born at Bamborough, Northumberland, in 1815 and died 1842. She was the daughter of a lighthouse-keeper, on Longstone, one of the Farne Islands. On September 7th 1838, she observed, with the aid of a telescope, several men clinging to a wreck. She succeeded, along with the aid of her father, in rescuing the survivors of the *Forfarshire*, bound from Hull to Dundee. By this noble deed nine men were saved from drowning. She is buried in the churchyard of Bamborough Castle, where an altar-tomb with recumbent figure has been erected to her memory.

**DARWIN, Charles Robert** (No. 145), born 1809, died 1882. He was born at Shrewsbury. In 1831 he was appointed naturalist to the ship *Beagle*, and the voyage which lasted five years, had a great influence on his future, not only on account of the positive gain to his knowledge which resulted from it, but because it suggested problems to the solution of which he devoted practically the rest of his life. His narrative of the cruise, which extended from Brazil to the west coast of South America, and thence through the Pacific, was published in 1840 as the *Voyage of the Beagle*, and is one of the most charming books of its class.

His most important book was *The Origin of Species*, first published in 1859; many of his later works being merely elaborations along the different lines of the same subject. After *The Origin of Species*, his most famous book is *The Descent of Man*, containing the speculations on the probable ancestor of man, which for many years were regarded by the non-scientific world as Darwin's chief contribution to philosophical theory. His book, *The variation of Plants and Animals under Domestication* is a treasure-house of facts. He died suddenly and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

**DESCARTES, René** (Dā-cart'). No. 145. He was born at La Haye in Touraine in 1596, and died in 1650. He was the first widely influential thinker of modern times who sought to work out a philosophical system in independence of scholastic tradition and theological

dogma. Seeking some basis that could not be doubted, he found it in his famous *Cogito, ergo sum* (I think, therefore I am). a proposition which expresses the inseparable connection of consciousness with existence, of thinking with a thinker. This proposition it is impossible to doubt, and in that clearness and distinctness of intuition which it exemplifies, Descartes finds that test of all eternity. Descartes considers that the existence of God as the Perfect Being, can be shown by clear intuition to be involved in our consciousness of our own existence which is a consciousness of imperfection. The essence of the mind, as appears the affirmative, "I think, therefore I am," is consciousness of thinking, and the essence of body or matter is, by contrast extension. The universe of things as a whole, therefore, falls into two entirely disparate worlds—that of thinking substances and that of extended substances; and neither kind of substance can in any way partake of the essential attributes of the other. In his own view mechanical conception of nature was the condition of all truly scientific study of it, since it was the condition of the application of mathematical methods. In mathematics Descartes was the founder of analytical geometry—that is the application of algebra to geometry.

**EDISON, Thomas Alva** (No. 145), was born at Milan, Ohio, U.S.A. in 1847, and began life as a railway newsboy, and becoming possessed of some type, issued a small sheet of his own on the train, and learned practical telegraphy on the train. He soon applied himself to the improvement of the system then in general use. He introduced the duplex, triplex, and multiplex methods, which he perfected after he became superintendent of the New York Gold and Stock Telegraph Company. His greatest inventions have nearly all been conceived and developed since he started his own workshops at Menlo Park and West Orange, N.J.—such as the phonograph (1878), the megaphone, and the kinetoscope. He has also prosecuted investigations in electricity, and has improved the methods of electric lighting and of electric power traction.

Sketches of Galileo and Hypatia will appear in the next month's BANNER.

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### Lyceum Manual Test, No. 20.

The May figures were reversed this month as 54 entries were received instead of 45.

The correct answers in the Junior section are:—

1. The Sowers (Three sows).
2. S. Doudney (You's send).
3. Death (Hated).
4. L.S. 419, verse 2, duet portion.
5. On title page of Manual, Emma Hardinge Britten, Alfred Kitson, and H. A. Kersey.
6. Mrs. Sigourney, S.C. 37. "Are we not Brothers"
7. L.S. 305, verse 2, and 338, verse 1.

The prize winners are Elsie Revans, aged 13, of Sidmouth, with three correct and Jack Thomas, aged 14, of Dundee with four correct.

Honourable mention can only be given to Gordon Snook, John Vincent, Millicent Mortimore, and Clarice Burns.

CLUES.

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| <p><i>Across.</i></p> <p>1. Created.<br/>4. Particularizes.<br/>6. Went.<br/>9. Name omitted.<br/>10. Rail, turn.<br/>11. Travellers' joy.<br/>13. Every one taken in.<br/>14. Lessen.<br/>16. Find out.<br/>18. Bound.<br/>20. Column.<br/>22. These puzzles are.<br/>23. "Soap Powder."<br/>26. Either half of an English river.<br/>27. Armour.<br/>28. Pronoun.<br/>30. Female Palindrome.<br/>32. Existing.<br/>35. Expunge.<br/>39. False gods.<br/>41. Think of rainfall.<br/>42. Shield.<br/>43. Girl's name.<br/>44. Profligate.<br/>45. Name.<br/>46. Close.<br/>47. Jug.<br/>48. Boy's name.<br/>49. War river.</p> | <p><i>Down.</i></p> <p>1. Lassies.<br/>2. Bruised.<br/>3. Picture holder.<br/>4. Hat to a "T."<br/>5. Measures.<br/>6. Sword.<br/>7. Extol.<br/>8. Grounds.<br/>12. Neat.<br/>15. High explosive.<br/>17. Sweetmeat.<br/>19. Famous Astronomer.<br/>21. Electrical term.<br/>24. Girls' name.<br/>25. Resort.<br/>29. Heavenly.<br/>31. Taken at 25.<br/>32. Saw.<br/>33. Support.<br/>34. Mask.<br/>36. Relief.<br/>37. Maxim.<br/>38. Tree.<br/>40. Errors.<br/>41. Four inches.</p> |
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Paling, Miss Gladys Guy, Mrs. Lilley, Miss Bush, Elsie White, Lilian Spratt, Mamie Carroll, Reginald Forsyth, Charles August, Lily Brown and Mr. Burrell. Three competitors are ruled out through their failure to enclose the coupon.

It should also be noted that where competitors submit alternative titles, only their first choice is considered, unless additional coupons are attached. The fairness of this will be obvious.

TEST NO. 21.

JUNIORS. Age not to exceed 14 years. Two prizes of half-a-crown for best attempts from boy and girl.

1. What Manual composition ends in the skies.
2. Take a sofa, a file, and a palm and weave a Manual title.
3. Where is reference made to Matthew V. verse 9.
4. Where are you told that every sinful action stains your life?
5. What title can you choose for persons?
6. Where do you find two consecutive pieces in the Manual in which the same line occurs three times in all the verses?

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

In the accompanying Cross-word Puzzle is concealed a line from the Manual to which special emphasis is shown. Competitors should trace this line and state where it can be found.

Test Coupon, No. 21.

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 July 21st, 1930.

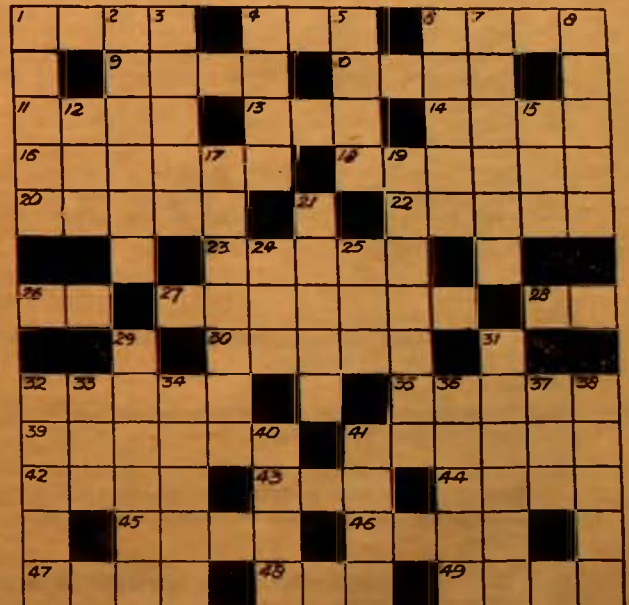
In the Senior Section the answers are.—

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| 1. Knocking, Knocking.                      | S.C. 20.                |
| 2. Knowledge.                               | — M.R. 219.             |
| 3. Our Rights.                              | — G.C. 143              |
| 4. Heavenly Communion.                      | — S.C. 86.              |
| (Mr. Printer inserted "in" twice in error.) |                         |
| 5. How to live.                             | — S.C. 25 and M.R. 231. |
| 6. Vesper.                                  | — L.S. 411              |
| 7. Waiting for Us.                          | — L.S. 407              |
| 8. The days when we were Young              | — L.S. 416              |
| 9. Catch the Sunshine.                      | — S.C. 32, M.R. 222     |
| 10. Truth.                                  | — G.C. 130, M.R. 228    |
| 11. Sometime.                               | — S.C. 85               |
| 12. The New Era.                            | — S.C. 14               |

The prizes are awarded to:—

Janet Dealey, aged 17, who says she is in the Isle of Man on holiday and should send me her home address, with eight correct. Kenwood H. Widdowson, aged 16, of Chesterfield, with 6 correct, Alfred M. Cretney of Liverpool, with seven correct.

Honourable mention is given to Dorothy Snook, Vera Rose, Mrs. Rose, Miss Reeves, Mrs. R. Paling, Mrs. E.



B.S.L.U. SPECIAL APPEAL FUNDS.

GUARANTEE FUND. Mr. Will Edwards 10s., Mr. G. A. Mack 10s., "Anon." London, 10s., "Cutlery" £1. Total received during 1930, £8.

CAPITATION FUND. Total received during 1930, £9 11s. 7d.

PATRON FUND. Total received during 1930, £1 12s. 6d.

SUPPLEMENTARY FUND. Mr. Waters 6d. Total received during 1930, £23 9s. 4d.

"LYCEUM BANNER" FUND. Donation from Lady Jean Conan Doyle, £5.

## British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union held the 1st. Annual Conference in the National Spiritualist Church, Spens Lane, York, on Saturday, June 7th, and Sunday, June 8th, 1930.

Miss Elliott, President, was in the Chair.

The Conference opened at 3-30 p.m., with the singing of "Shoulder to Shoulder."

Mr. Slimin, Sunderland, offered an invocation.

Miss Elliott asked Mrs. Paling, and Mr. Berry, the S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates to the platform.

1. The following appointments were made:—

*Messenger:* Mr. Lloyd, of Pendleton.

*Tellers:* Mr. Dobby, of Lincoln, Mr. Ely of Longsight.

*Scrutineers:* Mr. Swindells, (Manchester Progressive),

Mr. Nellist (Tees-side L.D.C.), Mrs. Slimin (Tyne-side L.D.C.) Mr. Parker (Moston).

### STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

2. Mrs. Slimin moved, and it was agreed

**That Mr. Robson be elected to the Standing Orders Committee.**

### MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE.

3. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Parker seconded,  
**That the Minutes be accepted as printed.**

*Agreed.*

**After a few explanations by the President.**

4. Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,  
**That the Minutes be Confirmed.**

*Carried with one dissentient.*

### CORRESPONDENCE.

5. Mr. Knott read the correspondence from:—

Mr. Cox, who retires from the M.C. this year, decided to miss the Conference to save expense and sent greetings and a donation.

Southampton sent a donation to the Capitation Fund.  
Mr. MacFarlane, Portsmouth, giving cause of absence.  
Mr. Mason, a past President, yearly greetings.  
Mr. Kitson, who also sent an alternative plan for selling his books.

6. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Reddan seconded,  
**The acceptance of the Correspondence and that we send the greetings forward to the other Conferences meeting in York.**

*Agreed.*

(The Co-operative Congress reciprocated the greetings).

7. Mr. Burrows moved,  
**That Mr. Mack act as Chairman in the absence of the Vice-President.**

Mr. Mack suggested.

**The President's Address be postponed until after the Official Welcome.**

Mr. Connor: I have one objection to that. We find that the President's Address sets the tone of the Conference and I suggest we carry the agenda as it stands.

8. It was agreed,  
**That the President's Address be left until after the Official Welcome.**

### REPORTS.

9. Mr. Wright moved, Mr. Calway seconded,  
**That all Reports be taken as read.** *Carried.*

### M.C. REPORT.

10. Mr. Marks: I do not think we ought to let Mr. Kitson forego his salary because we have not been able to raise sufficient funds. I suggest "That we send from this Conference a request to Mr. Kitson to reconsider his decision to let us have his salary for the next 12 months.

President: This has already been done. Mr. Kitson has been seen personally and at any time it is necessary or he finds himself in need, his salary will be there for him to have. He has definitely refused to accept it. I think it would be futile on our part to make this resolution.

Mr. Kitson's letter stated.—"I am also enclosing you the 2 10s. od., salary remitted to me as Adviser to the Lyceum Union. It will make no difference to my services to the Union. I am surrendering the weekly salary of my own free will in order to help the Union to regain its financial stability. Mrs. Kitson endorses my action."

I do not think we have any need to fear that Mr. Kitson will ever be in want.

11. Mrs. Raymond moved, Mr. Marks seconded.

**That we record at this Conference our deep appreciation and sincere gratitude to Mr. Kitson for his great sacrifice and the gift of a portion of his library.**

*The Resolution was carried unanimously.*

12. Mr. Hunter: Are all the Districts included in the decrease?

Mr. Knott: There have been 137 Lyceums in continuous membership during the last 10 years. There have been 80 new Lyceums which have lapsed. There have been 100 old Lyceums that have lapsed. 38 have rejoined. So far as the Districts are concerned every old District is in membership except the Scottish District, which has lapsed. The worst District is Ireland, where we have no Lyceum. Scotland is very weak. In Great Britain everywhere there is a falling away and all Districts are in the same position.

Mr. Dickenson: Lyceum Secretaries should attempt to form some kind of "Lost Members Committee" and this Committee could find out the reason for the loss of Membership. With Lyceums falling away I think D.C.s could have that responsibility added to their other duties. It is an individual matter, not a national matter—although the result is of national importance.

Mr. Knott: The machinery we have is perfect. There is a direct touch, from the M.C. and General Secretary, with every D.C., and in the month of January every D.C. gets the statistics for the previous year and each Secretary should produce before his Council members that list, showing whether there is a fall or gain in membership. The D.C.s. should look into the facts that are produced. It is important for the M.C. and the office to get in touch with the Lyceums and we can do it through the D.C.s.

Mr. Ely: I know definitely Lyceums are not sending the correct record of membership.

President: Where definite information is to hand it is the duty of those individuals to send the matter to the M.C.

Mr. Knott: On page 84 is the Annual List of Lyceums. If you will examine that list you will find quite a number with 50, 60, and 70. That does not read to me like dishonesty. There are 8 or 9 Lyceums who had not sent the extra fees, but there is only one Lyceum which has refused to pay when appealed to for the outstanding amount.

Mr. Shuttleworth: New membership is not being encouraged in many Lyceums.

Mr. Dickenson: My suggestion that this is a D.C. matter was only in reference to lapsed Lyceums. Individual Lyceumists are still referred to the Lyceums.

13. Mr. Dixon: Why have the M.C. gone against the Conference by not being represented at the I.S.F.?

Mr. Knott: During the year's working we have a British President who went to Paris and made tentative arrangements for the next Triennial Congress and all that I should have gone to Paris for was to agree to what the Committee had done. The M.C. agreed to my action.

Mr. Shuttleworth: It is time we withdrew and saved our money.

President: I think the action of the Secretary was partly to save expenses of the Union.

14. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Parker seconded,  
**That this Conference expresses its disapproval of the action of the M.C. in withholding its representative from the I.S.F. meetings.**

Mr. Berry: The Congress meets each three years. In between times the Committee meets once per year. Your representative has missed one Committee meeting.

*The Resolution was defeated.*

15. Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Fruin seconded,  
**That we place on record our thanks to Mr. Connor for his joint gift, with Mr. Kitson, of the Bound Volumes of the Lyceum Banner to the Union.**
- Mr. Latham: Should I have the same privilege of the use of these Volumes as belonging to the Union?
- Mr. Knott: Mr. Kitson had given Mr. Connor these Bound Volumes, and I suggested we had no Bound Volumes in the office and that the archives of the Union would not be complete without them. This is a joint gift to the Union, on the condition that Mr. Connor should have the right to use these books if in need of them.
- Mr. Smith (Sheffield): Seeing that these are in the archives of the Union is it not possible for the Trustees to see these books?
- Mr. Latham: That was my point? If any other member of the Union was working on behalf of the Union, that he ought to have the use of the books.
- President: It purely applies that if Mr. Connor was outside the pale of our Movement he would have the right of the use of these books.
- Mr. Connor: I have been collecting information for the History of the Union. Mr. Kitson gave me the Banners and I was not to take possession until his library was disposed of. Then the Banners became mine. If I had written to the M.C. asking for the use of the Banners they could say these Banners belong to the Union.
16. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,  
**That the M.C. Report be adopted.** *Carried.*
17. Mr. Mack moved, Mr. Jackson seconded,  
**That Conference adjourn at 4-45 p.m. and resume at 6-10 p.m.** *Carried.*

**CREDENTIAL REPORT.**

18. Officers 3, Area Representatives 6, Trustees 3, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C., 1, District Councils Delegates 18, representing 13 D.Cs., Lyceum Delegates 74, representing 58 Lyceums, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant 1, Press 1. Total 112.
19. Mr. Slimin moved, Mrs. Rothwell seconded,  
**That the Credential Report be accepted.** *Agreed.*
- The Conference adjourned at 4-45 p.m. and resumed at 6.15 p.m.
20. Mr. A. W. Jackson introduced Mr. Burgess, M.P.  
 He said,—“I have very great pleasure in introducing to you our M.P. for York, who is the first Labour M.P. that York has returned to Parliament, and therefore as we know that Spiritualism and Socialism can come very close together, I do not think that you could have a more fitting gentleman to welcome you to York than our brother in harness of Socialism and the Labour cause. I have much pleasure in introducing to you our M.P., Mr. Burgess.

Mr. Burgess:—We get rather formal in the political world. I do want to say this, I feel it a very great honour to be asked to welcome you to York, and when Mr. Jackson asked me to come some time ago I made up my mind I would be here. I extend you a hearty welcome to this old City. We do rise above the ordinary materialism of life and link up with the spiritual side.

York embodies history, and we have grown through every phase and development. We are still going ahead though people look upon York as a Museum of Antiquities.

A new and latest development is that you are meeting here in York. In the past this would not have been possible. We know that persecution is rife to-day. We have not all realised that freedom of thought makes the world happy. My own movement, Socialism, does realise this; that the complete freedom of thought for everybody is what we want. We want, not persecution, but everybody to have possibilities of development.

I am here to give you a welcome and I do it on

behalf of my own movement, and as M.P. We are hoping that you will be perfectly free. I am hoping that soon you will have a good result from the Government. We in our movement are prepared to stand by you. We realise the close kinship which exists. I am giving you a welcome on behalf of our people, feeling the close link of kinship. May your deliberations bring something fresh, something which is going to benefit us all.

You are dealing with a subject of basic importance and on behalf of the old city of York I give you a very hearty welcome and hope the proceedings that you are now about to continue will be fruitful and you will have a very successful Conference.

*(Applause).*

President:—I feel very proud that you have so kindly graced our Conference with your presence and extended such a cordial welcome. I believe that your movement is in very close kinship with our own principles. We are trying to teach our children self-expression. We believe in Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. We stand for Brotherhood.

21. Miss Elliott read her Presidential Address (printed in this issue) during which Mr. Keeling occupied the chair.
22. Mr. Taylor moved, Miss Entwistle seconded,  
**That the President's Address be accepted, printed in the "Banner," and offered to the Spiritualist Press.**

*Agreed.*

23. Mr. Dickenson: Might I ask if the reference made by our President in regard to organisation is her personal opinion or the opinion of the Management Committee?

President: They are my personal opinions, and I have given them very close thought and consideration.

Mr. Parker, Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Slimin commended the address.

24. Mr. Keeling: I do not think I am giving away secrets in making an announcement upon one point which was raised, but I can inform you that the Home Secretary has promised to receive our deputation on July 1st. Our real work commences after the deputation, far more than before. We need a lot of money. Even a simple one clause amended will cost the Movement a deal more than you can estimate. £2,000 at least, I believe, so that our work commences when the deputation is over.

*The Resolution was put and carried unanimously.*

25. The President resumed her position in the Chair.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

26. Mr. Burrows read the interim report.

	Receipts.			Expenses.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Fund	223	19	5	220	10	1
Banner Fund	120	4	10	174	6	3
Publishing Fund...	204	2	3	44	2	7
Certs. Deposits		10	6			
	548	17	0	438	18	11

Guarantee Fund to May 31st.	7	0	0
Capitation Fund	9	11	7
Patron Fund	1	12	6
Supplementary Fund	27	9	2
	35	13	3

**HOME FUND to date.**

Balance in Bank	84	6	7
Mortgage in S.B. U.D.C.	100	0	0
Cash now held by Trustees.	2	17	0
	187	3	7

**£2,000 EFFORT.**

Balance in Bank	191	10	4
Balance in S.B. U.D.C.	450	0	0
Paid in by Miss Rayner.	18	9	4
Cash now held by Trustees.	13	10	0

## LIABILITIES.

Wadsworth outstanding a/cs. to Dec. 31st, 1929	447	16	7
Less payments on May 24th .. .. .	169	5	11
	278	10	8
Plus a/cs to May 31st, 1930 .. .. .	241	0	9
A/cs. outstanding to date.	519	11	5

## ASSETS.

Balance at Bank May 31st, 1930 .. .. .	113	1	3
Plus May's balance. .. .. .	27	10	8
Cash in Secy's hands .. .. .	30	0	0
	170	11	11

There is a difference on the right side of about £34. This increase has chiefly come about through the sacrifice of Mr. Kitson and the Education Dept. I want this Conference to try to devise some method whereby we can feel we are making some attempt to meet expenses.

In addition, the Ainsworth Home of Rest Committee of Management owes us about £11. One patient has been catered for so that the Home of Rest is in actual operation.

There are also BANNER outstanding a/cs. £79 and £7 held by the Education Committee.

27. Mr. Slimin moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

**That the Treasurer's Interim Report be incorporated with the Treasurer's Report.**

*Carried with three dissentients.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

28. Mr. Batley: We audited the Union's books at the office of the Union. All queries raised were answered to our satisfaction. We ask you to accept these amounts and I just add that we have just been going through the figures and how pleased we are to learn there has been some headway made since last audit.

29. Four questions were submitted from Manchester and Salford L.D.C., to which the Auditors gave an explanatory reply.

30. Mr. Dixon: I agree with Mr. Batley and confirm the answers he has given to the questions and also the Balance Sheet as a correct record.

31. Mr. Calway moved, Mrs. Rothwell seconded,

**That the Treasurer's and Auditors' Reports be adopted.**

*Carried.*

## £2,000 EFFORT REPORT.

32. Miss Rayner gave the supplementary report: I have not very much to add to the report as there is only 1/- since these a/cs were drawn up. I think it is all very clear but I would like to draw your attention to the scheme outlined in this month's BANNER, and in which I am offering a work of my own composition. There are two sheets, one with hymns and programmes and a sheet containing the recitations which should be fitted in between and taken by Lyceumists of various ages.

Mr. Swindells, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Burrows, Mr. Nurse, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mack, Mrs. Clitheroe spoke in favour of continued support of the Effort.

33. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Wright seconded,

**That the £2,000 Effort Report be adopted.**

*Carried with one dissentient.*

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

34. Mr. Shuttleworth: I'd like to make some corrections. The Trustees held £550 in the various Funds. Since that time £200 has been accepted for investment.

I believe the Auditors have put to our credit £6 9s. 4d. that the £2,000 Effort Secretary had in her hands. We have £720 on hand.

Ainsworth Home of Rest: It would perhaps be as well if the first item of expenditure £43 8s. 2d., was made plain. From 1916 up to the time of the Charity being accepted no legal expenses had been paid. The £43 are the whole of the expenses incurred up to the time of the adoption of the Charity.

Mr. Dixon: Arising out of the Trustees' statement I would like to put forward the opinion of the Auditors. We quite agree that the sum of £550 is held in Mortgages invested in the names of the Trustees. With regard to the items of £191 10s. 4d. and £84 6s. 7d., we take it that this money is definitely under the control of the Trustees. With regard to the cash £6 9s. 4d., they are certainly justified in querying this, but when we came to make up the Balance sheet we found that this sum of money had not been handed over to the Treasurer of the Trustees and was still in the hands of the £2,000 Effort Secretary. In view of the fact that it was part of the money received in 1929 and was therefore credited to 1929 a/cs, and the securities in the Balance Sheet had to show £647 in hand, we could not do otherwise than put this £6 9s. 4d., to show the Trustees where that money actually was on December 31st.

Except in a minor degree we are perfectly justified in showing the balance with the Trustees.

Mr. Burrows: I will ask the Secretary to speak for the £2,000 Effort Fund. I had the idea that the M.C. control the £2,000 Effort Fund. I would like to ask the Secretary if this is correct. The Secretary drew up the transfers between the Banks.

Mr. Knott: THE £2,000 EFFORT FUND. The £450 is invested in Mortgages in the name of the Trustees. The remainder of the £2,000 Effort Fund, except the interests of this Mortgage, is in the Bank. The interest of the Mortgage is in a Banking account.

Everything is clear between the Trustees and M.C. as to which is responsible for the Funds they hold. The mortgage is held by the Trustees and the remainder of the money is held by the M.C., and it is necessary through a past Conference resolution, that in multiples of £50 it should be transferred to the Trustees.

THE HOME FUND. This has been transferred to the Halifax Bank, less the £100 Mortgage. The interest is being paid to and held by the Trustees. This is the position at the moment. The surplus above the £100 is held by the Trustees in the Halifax Bank.

Mr. Keeling: Will the Secretary say whether the M.C. can recall this investment that they have instructed the Trustees to make?

Mr. Knott: The uses of the Trust Funds are at the will of the Conference.

## TRUSTEES INTERIM REPORT.

35. Mr. Shuttleworth: The Home of Rest Balance at the end of May was—Income £121 6s. 4d. Expenses £11 9s. 8d. Balance £109 16s. 8d.

36. Mr. Marks moved, Mrs. Raymond seconded,  
**That the Trustees' Report be adopted.**

37. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,  
**An addenda to the motion—"That this Conference indemnifies the Trustees in the sum of £6 9s. 4d."**

The mover and seconder of the adoption agreed to the addenda.

*The Resolution was carried with one dissentient.*

## BANNER REPORT.

38. Mr. Keeling: I would like to move the adoption of the Banner Report because it gives me the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Knott for his excellent list of contributors. I would also like to congratulate Mr. MacFarlane on his Manual Tests.

Mr. Keeling moved, Mrs. George seconded,  
**That the Banner Report be adopted.** *Carried.*

39. Mrs. Raymond: How many copies of the Bound Volumes of the Lyceum Banner are printed?

Mr. Knott: Usually 36, but last year it dropped to 30. We have still some on hand and I cannot get the sales increased.

## EDUCATION REPORT.

- Mr Connor asked for question on the report.
40. Mr. Dickenson: Does our Education Secretary think that the postponed date has had such success as to warrant its continuance? Or does he think it will be advisable to bring it back to the February date?
- Mr. Connor: I think it was a move for the better. It gave our leaders of classes about three months longer to prepare their pupils. I am very strongly in favour of continuing with the May examinations.
41. Mr. Dixon: Exam. Fees. I notice it is a recommendation that these should not be increased, but also notice they gave us no information; why? Can we have for and against?
- Mr. Connor: There was no discussion for. The whole of the discussion was against. There were so many calls being made on Lyceums and Lyceumists and we thought we would only be discouraging education by trying to make it dearer. With that in view the Committee decided that it was only fair that our Grade V. Students should pay the same Fees as the Entrance Exam.
42. Mr. Marks: Are the Committee satisfied that the present age limits are the correct ones, in view of the fact that students are more intelligent in the adolescent stage than the elders, but have to wait to pass the exams. Another question is,—whether or not the appointment of neutral supervisors would be better.
- Mr. Connor: The Education Scheme is voluntarily done. About the Supervisors I am quite satisfied with the honour and fairmindedness of those appointed by Lyceums. Our scheme is to get them before they reach adolescence and then get them to stop on for the education they are getting.
43. Mr. Armitage: Do you think a simpler Oral Grade Primer would be to the benefit of the younger students? A simpler section still for the younger children under eight. A simpler book is necessary when you have very small toddlers.
- Mr. Connor: I agree, but to get a book like that you would have to buy something like 5,000 copies. In 1922 we issued the Oral Grade Primer and out of 5,000 we published, there are still 1,098 in stock. The Education Committee has to depend on the generosity of the M.C. for the £60 per annum for expenditure, and I do not think it would be wise to go to the M.C. and say we want another 5,000 copies of a new pamphlet, considering the small return we are going to get. If those who want a new pamphlet will get these 1,098 sold out we can print an edition for the younger ones.
- Mr. Armitage: Would it be possible to make on the pamphlet as it is at present a simpler examination? Would it not be possible for a child to come down to about 10 questions and give it 10 marks for each question?
- Mr. Connor: That could be done but I do not think it fair worrying children about exams. before eight years of age.
44. Mr. Fruin: With regard to the Oral Grade and the recitations. Would it be possible to take out of the Oral Grade Primer such recitations as "We do not die"? We do not want to start training too much of the "death business" before we have taught them how to live.
- Mr. Connor: Could I point out that until the Primer is sold we cannot do away with it.
45. Mr. Mack: Would you give full marks for the youngster who did not absolutely state the verbatim answer to the Oral Grade questions?
- Mr. Connor: No! the first thing you do is ask the child the question, and he must give the answer as set there.
46. Mr. Robson: Is it absolutely necessary that a student must go in for one grade at one time? Is the rule absolutely imperative?
- Mr. Connor: Yes. You must take each grade one at a time and start at Grade I.
47. President: No one seems to have raised the point regarding the change in the Education Committee. I wish you now, or sometime during the Conference, to come to some decision regarding this very important matter.
48. Mrs. Raymond moved, Mrs. George seconded, **That the Education Committee consist of three—with the President and Secretary ex-officio.**
49. Mr. Parker: Will power to co-opt be given?
- Mr. Knott: It has always been understood that the Education Committee can co-opt. The Committee only carry out the wishes of the Conference.
50. Mr. Latham: I suggest the M.C. and Education Committee meet and present a report to the Conference sometime tomorrow, and recommend if any alteration is required.
- President: Can I appeal to the mover and seconder to withhold the resolution until this has been done?
- Mr. Connor: The present solution has been put before the Conference as the only possible way of working things. There are two rooms in my house devoted to educational business. It is costing the Union nothing, but if you are going to have a Committee who are going to give instructions and pass resolutions that I cannot work you are going to make the work impossible. I have been always after education and had a good hand in setting this scheme going. I want to carry on and ask you to make the Education Secretary responsible to Conference and allow him to work with the General Secretary and President.
- Re Co-opting, my daughter has assisted me. At the present time she can do nothing of importance as there are some people ever ready to complain and I would not allow her to do anything but routine work, but if we can co-opt her with power to do what Miss Kitson's assistant did—there is one co-option.
51. Mr. Nurse: Supposing anything happens to Mr. Connor: who has got the intricate knowledge to fill in the gap?
- Mr. Connor: Unless I have my suggestion adopted you will not have Mr. Connor after this Conference.
52. Mr. Dixon moved, an amendment, Mr. Ely seconded, **That in future the Education Committee shall consist of the Education President and Secretary (both to be nominated and appointed by Conference) the General Secretary and the President for the time being, with power to co-opt.'**
53. Mr. Keeling: I am more grateful than I can find words to express to Mr. Connor for the way in which he has so splendidly stated his position. Everyone ought to understand the position as Mr. Connor has stated it.
- It does not matter what Committee you elect, if Mr. Connor is to do the work he wants to do it Mr Connor's way. If you are going to put difficulties in his way he will turn round and say "I am quitting and I am not having charge any longer." He says he is willing to take on the Education Secretary but he is not willing to be over-ruled by any Committee. If you accept the position that Mr Connor is the best man for Education Secretary then let us be loyal to that decision and don't elect other people to sit over Mr. Connor.
- Mr. Latham: The number as enumerated by the Vice-President. If we adopt the freedom of Mr. Connor's motions our movement then determines very largely the position as it will be. Let us decide on the outlines laid down by Mr. Keeling.
54. Voting for the amendment. For 3; against, overwhelming. The amendment was defeated.
55. Mr. Connor: All I ask is Mr. Knott and I be allowed to carry the scheme on, with the President as adviser.
56. Mr. Latham: I would like to ask Mr. Connor is he prepared to work for this Conference though it is necessary to have an Education Committee? I have got the impression that we are very very much in danger of adopting a dictatorship. Is Mr. Connor prepared to work in a Committee.
- Mr. Knott: May I say this. I shall not be a member of any Committee unless I have some definite power within that Committee. I must be responsible for any position I hold and the relationship that has

existed has been such that if our opinions have conflicted then the best opinion has prevailed. Mr. Connor is asking for that to continue. If we agree to Mr. Connor's suggestions then the things go forward. I shall not serve on a Committee unless I have some say in the things that matter.

57. Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,  
**That the Education Report be adopted.**

*Carried with six dissentients.*

58. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mrs. Begg seconded,  
**That Mr. Connor be Education Secretary.**

*Agreed.*

59. The closure of nominations was moved and accepted.  
Mr. Connor was elected Education Secretary

#### COLLEGE REPORT.

60. Mr. Connor: The College is now in full being and the Joint Education scheme held its final grade exams. Eight students passed the Final Grade and four passed with more than 75% of the total marks and these are now entitled to the Graduate Degree of the College. Four of these are Lyceumists and I have got their G.N.S.C. Diplomas and I am going to ask the President to present these four Diplomas to the winners of them. They are:—Miss M. E. Lawton, 271 marks, Miss E. Lawton, 271 marks, Mr. Ed. Thompson, 235 marks, Mr. A. Bruce, 272 marks.

I think it is a very fitting time to present our first students with the G.N.S.C.

The President presented the Diplomas.

61. Mrs. Paling: I am proud that four Lyceumists have got the Diploma.

We owe a great deal to the Editors of the National papers, Mr. Knott and Mr. Berry are always willing to help.

We owe our thanks to the examiners.

There is one rather significant fact. In the Final Grade there are four Lyceumists on top. In the Intermediate only two entered as Lyceumists.

Mrs. Paling concluded with an appeal for Lyceumists to take up the Advanced Scheme.

- Mr. Berry: I believe that the future of our movement depends upon our Education Scheme and so I am more than proud to feel there are some taking us seriously.

62. Mrs. George moved, Mr. Keeling seconded,

**That the College report be adopted.**

Mr. Keeling: I would like to ask Mrs. George to allow me to add "That this Conference sends a message of sympathy to Mr. Gush who, through ill-health, has been compelled to give up all his work except the Education section."

The adoption of the Report was carried.

#### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

63. Officers 4, Area Representatives 6, Trustees, 4, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 20, representing 15 D.Cs., Lyceum Delegates 80, representing 61 Lyceums. Total eligible to vote 118. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant 1, Press 1, Accepted Visitor 1. Total 123.

64. Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Swindells seconded,  
**That the Credential Report be accepted.** *Carried.*

65. Mr. Keeling moved and it was agreed,  
**That Conference stand adjourned until 9-45 a.m. to-morrow morning.**

Conference adjourned at 9-45 p.m.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Conference opened at 10-0 a.m. Mrs. Nurse offered the invocation.

The President welcomed Mrs. Greenwood and asked her to a seat on the platform.

The Lyceum children gave a pretty welcome and presented flowers to the prominent Lyceumists.

Mrs. Fowler supplemented the greetings.

President: It is one of the most wonderful things that Miss Kitson has been brought into our Conference. I think it is one of those things that helps to stimulate us.

Her great love of nature cannot mark her respect more than it has been marked in this manner.

I hope York will continue to progress.

*Applause.*

President: I notice we have many visitors from South Shields and Hull. I welcome you all.

66. Mr. Knott read the list of Arisen Workers.

Mrs. Greenwood was deputed to speak in honour of the Arisen Workers.

67. President.

	<i>Votes.</i>
Mr. E. A. Keeling .. ..	55
Miss V. G. Rayner .. ..	59

Miss Rayner was declared elected.

#### Vice-President.

Miss E. Elliott .. ..	95
Mr. E. A. Keeling .. ..	22
Mr. G. A. Mack .. ..	10
Mrs. L. Nurse .. ..	21

Miss Elliott was declared elected.

#### Treasurer.

Mr. W. Burrows was declared elected.

#### Auditor.

Mr. C. T. Batley .. ..	99
Mr. J. P. T. Calway .. ..	19

Mr. Batley was declared elected.

#### Declaration of Area Results.

The President declared the results of the Electoral Area Ballots.

There will be a By-Election in Areas F and G.

#### S.N.U. E.C. Representative.

Miss Rayner .. ..	17
Mr. W. Burrows .. ..	97

Mr. Burrows was elected to serve on the S.N.U. E.C. (along with the General Secretary of the B.S.L.U.).

#### Representatives to other Conferences.

It was agreed that the President-elect and Mr. A. T. Connor be the B.S.L.U. Delegates to the S.N.U. A.G.M.

#### MANUAL REVISION REPORT.

68. Mr. Keeling: Last year the Manual Revision Committee were given instructions to consider the advisability of revising the Principles as given in the Lyceum Manual. The Manual Revision Committee was reduced and the membership altered and one new member put on. We have had one meeting. The question of the Principles was considered at great length. We recognised how very important it was that no suggestions, etc., should be made unless everyone of us was satisfied it was the right move to make. After our consideration we unanimously agreed without a single dissentient note that so far as the Manual Revision Committee were concerned we were prepared to recommend the Lyceum Movement to change the Principles and state the six contained in the Memorandum of the S.N.U.

69. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Knott seconded,  
**That the Manual Revision Report be adopted.**

70. Mr. Hunter: It is a very important matter which our Manual Revision Committee has reported to us and I think we are hardly in a position to say whether we shall adopt without consulting our Lyceums, and I think this matter of the alteration of the Principles should be left to the Delegates to take to the Lyceums and ask for a ruling at our next Conference.

71. Mr. Marks moved, Mrs Greenwood seconded,  
**That this Conference refers back to the Manual Revision Committee the question of the alteration of the Lyceum Principles.**

72. President: This has gone on for 12 months and I expected the Delegates to be prepared for the matter. I will ask Mr. Keeling to read the two sets out.

Mr. Keeling read the two sets of Principles from the Lyceum Manual and the Memorandum of the S.N.U.

Mr. Connor: Might I ask if these were the only two sets to be discussed?

Mr. Keeling: We discussed about five sets.

Mr. Keeling replied to questions and comments from Mr. Dickenson, and Mr. Dobby.

73. Mr. Marks: We ought definitely to refer this back to the Committee and ask the Committee to consider other sets of Principles and let us have a real constructive policy and not just have to accept it or otherwise. We ought to have several sets done and the points of view laid before our Lyceums through the Banner.

*Voting for the amendment. For 19. Against 64.*

The amendment was defeated.

The adoption of the Manual Revision Report was carried with 19 dissentients.



**CREDENTIAL REPORT.**

74. Officers 4, Area Representatives 6, Trustees 4, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 20, representing 15 D.Cs., Lyceum Delegates 83, representing 62 Lyceums. Total eligible to vote 121. There were also present S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant 1, Press 1, Grand total 125.

75. Mr. Tweedale moved, Mr. Nurse seconded, **That the Credential Report be accepted.** *Carried.*

**U.D.C. REPORT.**

76. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Tweedale seconded, **That the U.D.C. Report be adopted.**

77. Mr. Marks: Can we have some further light on the College matter?

Mr. Shuttleworth: We have done all formal matters and yet there is no representation, but if the College is not represented at Conference it is not an official part of it.

Mr. Connor: The facts that Mr. Shuttleworth has given you are, I think, correct. The College was established more or less without interference from either Union, and at the moment is completely under the control of the two Unions. The College Board is composed of the two Education Committees of the movement. As the Board is also the Joint Education Committee it is not necessary that the Secretary of the College should be a Lyceumist. And if so they could not attend our Conference unless given representation. The College is under the control of the two Unions and has been accepted as an integral part of the two Unions.

The adoption of the U.D.C. Report was *Carried.*

**HOME OF REST REPORT.**

78. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded, **That the Home of Rest Report be adopted.**

Mr. Keeling: One patient has received benefit. I want to appeal to every delegate in this Conference, particularly D.Cs., to make a particular note of this fact, that the operation of the scheme is likely to be interfered with if we cannot get suitable Homes which can take our patients. Obviously no single individual could possibly go round the coast looking for Homes to take patients. This must be done by Lyceumists and District Councils. If you wish this Home of Rest Scheme to come to immediate means of benefit it is up to the Lyceum movement to provide the General Secretary with the names and addresses of Convalescent Homes.

79. Mr. Dixon: *Re* position of Trustees and the various accounts. What is the position of the M.C. Home of Rest Committee and the Trustees in so far as both held actual cash which is shown in the Statement that we have prepared?

Mr. Knott: The Trustees of the Ainsworth Charity are the B.S.L.U. section of the Trustees of this Union. They have complete charge of this Fund. The administration of the Charity is in the hands of the M.C. The Trustees hold the money.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Speaking for the Trustees. The Trustees have the legal responsibility and we are responsible for that Fund.

Mr. Dixon: Can the Trustees draw on the Fund on the resolution of the M.C. or M.C. Home of Rest Committee?

Mr. Knott: The M.C. are administering the scheme. They pay the immediate costs but these are charged against the Charity and the Trustees sanction payment of these accounts.

Mr. Dixon: If a resolution is passed by the M.C. Home of Rest Committee the Trustees can refuse to pay out of their Funds?

The adoption of the Home of Rest Report was carried.

**OVERSEAS REPORT.**

80. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Burrows seconded, **That the Overseas Report be adopted.**

*Carried.*

**I.S.F. REPORT.**

81. Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Reddon seconded, **That the I.S.F. Report be adopted.**

82. Mr. Knott: We have lost one of our best friends, Dr. Abraham Wallace. He always put the Lyceum

point. He was a well-known figure in these Conferences.

The chief subject at the next I.S.F. Congress will be on "Healing," and there are all kinds of particulars asked for in relation to the subject. If you can provide the S.N.U. with any facts in relation to the legal side in our country Mr. Berry will be very grateful.

The S.N.U. are proposing to try to get British people to attend the Congress at The Hague as delegates. We and the S.N.U. are both proposing to pay £10 this year. That will reduce the number of representatives we are allowed to send. The approximate cost of attending The Hague Congress would be £12.

Mr. Robson: What will the actual difference be for representatives on account of smaller payment and the representation we have had?

Mr. Knott: We have one delegate for every 15s. 6d. and we are paying £10.

Mr. Berry: We have never sent our full number. But if we keep in mind 20 delegates we shall be safe.

Mr. Burrows: The late fee was £18. This year £10.

83. Mrs. Raymond: Are all delegates elected through the M.C. if they go as one of the 10?

Mr. Knott: The Triennial Congress would be open to anyone. By payment of 10s. you can get a full report and delegate's ticket and you have a vote in the General Assembly.

The adoption of the I.S.F. Report was *carried.*

**S.N.U. A.G.M. AND E.C. REPORT.**

84. Mr. Latham moved, Mrs. George seconded, **That the S.N.U. A.G.M. and E.C. Report be adopted.**

85. Mr. Robson: The number of Churches is 448, the total number of Lyceums is 265. It is rather a pity there is such a big difference between the number of Lyceums and Churches. It is time we got busy.

Mr. Knott: I have already taken some steps. From the District which the delegate represents I have had a list of Churches sent to me. I hope to approach the people who have no Lyceum by letter.

*The S.N.U. A.G.M. and E.C. Reports were adopted.*

**M.C. INTERIM REPORT.**

86. Mr. Knott read the Interim Report.

Last year's figures were: 265 Lyceums, 14,072 Lyceumists. The 1930 figures are: 241 Lyceums paid fees, nine new Lyceums have paid fees and been enrolled. Four applications are awaiting endorsement.

Five Lyceums have closed. Two Lyceums have resigned. 17 Lyceums have not paid fees, making a total of 24. Deducting the 13 applications during 1930, there is a net decrease, up-to-date, of 11 Lyceums.

Number of Lyceumists up-to-date, 12,877. When compared with last year's figures a present decrease of 1,195.

The Appeal Funds have realised the following amounts during 1930:—

	£	s.	d.
Guarantee Fund .. ..	7	0	0
Capitation Fund .. ..	9	11	7
Patron Fund .. ..	1	12	6
Supplementary Fund ..	27	8	10

£45 12 11

We appeal for continued cordial support to the respective Funds.

The Lyceum Banner has increased 250 copies per month since the January issue. We appeal to the fifty Lyceums who do not take Banners to obtain a supply.

We are pleased to record extended support of the Union's Publishing Department. A reprint of the *Lyceum Manual* will be required during the year.

The S.N.U. of Canada have requested credit terms and special prices as an agent of the B.S.L.U. in Canada.

The M.C., to save the Expense of the Union, referred the January business to the Finance Committee. It is suggested the July M.C. meeting shall be suspended and the Finance Committee be empowered to transact any urgent business which may arise.

We are pleased to record that the financial position of the Union, is slowly improving, but draw the attention of the delegates to the necessity of preventing the decline in membership and continuing the support of the work of the Union in the various districts.

87. Mr. Taylor moved, Mrs. Rothwell seconded,  
**That the M.C. Interim Report be adopted.**
88. Mr. Fruin: I would like to ask the Secretary if it was possible to get, either through the M.C. or the local D.Cs., a question as to the unaffiliated Lyceums.
- Mr. Knott: We have previously provided information of unofficial and unaffiliated Lyceums, but we have ceased to issue any figures, as districts have complained they were not reliable. The D.Cs. could provide this information better than from the Union's office.
89. Mr. Slimin: *Re* the Canadian S.N.U. You are at least aware that at the 1923 Conference it was decided that all accounts should be on actual cash terms. Our Canadian friends are very anxious that they should be agents and obtain the goods for sale in Canada. Your M.C. are tied by the resolution of the 1923 Conference. I think, to-day, we should give some lead to the M.C. as to whether a country of this kind should not have special facilities.
- Mr. Edwards: The M.C. of this Union have the power within themselves to fix the price at which they are to trade with Mr. Skelton. And to cover the whole thing so that there shall be no outstanding accounts at the end of the year, decide that the whole of the accounts shall be paid before December 31st each year.

*The M.C. Interim Report was adopted.*

90. Mrs. Raymond moved, Miss Keeling seconded,  
**That we adjourn at 12-45 until 2 p.m. for lunch.**  
*Carried.*

#### DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

91. Mr. Knott read a letter from Barrow, Dalkeith Street, inviting Conference to Barrow in 1931.
- Miss Lawton: Barrow is one of the oldest Lyceums and always faithful to the Lyceum Union. We have good accommodation and you are assured of a very cordial welcome on May 23rd and 24th.
92. Miss Lawton moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,  
**That the invitation from Barrow, Dalkeith Street Church and Lyceum, to hold the 1931 Annual Conference in Barrow, be accepted.** *Carried.*
93. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, and it was *carried*,  
**That the date of the next Annual Conference be May 23rd and 24th, 1931.**

#### AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS.

1. From N.E. Lancashire L.D.C.
94. Miss Lawton moved, Mr. Dickinson seconded,
1. Bye-law 9. Delete sub-section (c), par. 1.  
Bye-law 9. Delete all words from "When," par 2, to "billets," par. 4, and substitute:—  
"That inviting Lyceum or District Council shall, not later than the 23rd of March, furnish the General Secretary with a list of Hotels and other suitable accommodation, together with the charges therefor. This list shall be published in the Lyceum Banner for April and circulated to all Lyceums. Delegates to the Conference shall make their own arrangements and defray the cost of their accommodation."

Mrs. Calway, Mr. Connor, Mr. Dobby, Mr. Smith

(Sheffield), Mr. Armitage, Mr. Smith (York), Mr. Robson, Mr. Parker, spoke on the resolution.

Voting on the motion to amend Bye Law 9: For, 23; against, 72. *The motion was defeated.*

95. Mr. Latham moved, and it was *carried*,  
**That we adjourn for lunch.**

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference resumed at 2-15 p.m.

96. Mr. Dickinson moved, Miss Lawton seconded,  
Bye-law 10. Section 1. Delete A to H.  
Section 2. Delete all words from "The General Secretary," on line 7 to end of Paragraph.  
Section 3, 4 and 5. Delete.  
Substitute:—  
Section 1. (A) North, to comprise all Lyceums north of a line drawn from Holyhead to Lincoln.  
(B) South, to comprise all Lyceums south of the same line.
- Mr. Ely, Mr. Marks, Mr. Robson, Mr. Ainley, Mr. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Calway, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Armitage, Mr. Keeling, Mrs. Slimin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Charnley, Mr. Connor, spoke on the motion.
97. Mr. Nurse moved, Mr. Latham seconded an amendment to the motion to amend the Bye-Law,  
**That two representatives be elected to represent 'A,' and two representatives to represent 'B.'**  
The amendment was accepted as an alteration to the motion.  
Mr. Shaw and Mr. Fruin spoke on the subject.  
*Voting. For 45. Against 70.*  
The motion to amend the Bye-law was defeated.  
A re-vote was demanded and the result was,—  
*For the motion to amend the Bye-Law 37. Against 66.*  
The motion to amend the Bye-Law was again defeated.  
Motions to amend the Bye-Laws, items 3 and 4, were withdrawn, as a result of the vote on No. 2 item.

#### NEW BYE-LAW FROM SHEFFIELD L.D.C.

98. Mr. Heath moved, Mr. Dobby seconded,  
**That the travelling expenses of all delegates attending Conference shall be 'pooled'; such expenses to be equally divided among the various bodies in affiliation with the B.S.L.U., whether they be represented at Conference or not.**
99. Mr. Taylor moved, Mrs. Rothwell seconded,  
**That the travelling expenses of all delegates attending Conference shall be pooled, such expenses to be equally divided among the various bodies in affiliation with the B.S.L.U. represented at Conference.**
- Mr. Keeling, Mr. Shuttleworth, Mr. Slimin, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Parker, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Latham spoke on the motion.  
*Voting on the amendment, For 30. Against 70.*  
The amendment was defeated.  
*Voting on the motion. For 11. Against, overwhelming.*

#### GENERAL MOTIONS.

- From the Management Committee.
100. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Mack seconded,  
**That no revised edition of the Lyceum Manual be published for a period of 10 years from 1932.**
101. Mr. Marks. Does this definitely mean we shall have no revision for the next 12 Conferences?  
The motion at present states that for 10 years we cannot revise the Manual.  
Mr. Keeling: The resolution is your answer. I cannot answer for the next 12 Conferences.

Mr. Marks: Do I take it we do not revise the Manual during the next 10 years?  
 Mr. Keeling: Eight years ago it was decided at the Annual Conference, after the numerous revisions, there should be no further revisions for the next 10 years.  
 Mr. Parker, Mr. Connor, Mr. Shuttleworth, Mr. Burrows, Mr. Ellis spoke on the resolution.  
 The motion was carried with two dissentients.

From Liverpool (Daulby Hall) Lyceum.

102. Miss Keeling moved, Mrs. Raymond seconded,  
**That in the interests of economy and the desirability of still closer unity a committee of three be appointed to explore and report upon:—**

- (a) **The possibility of joint working with the Spiritualists' National Union.**
- (b) **The means (if any) whereby such an arrangement can be put into operation.**

**Such Committee shall keep in mind the need for maintaining, as far as possible, the integrity of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.**

Miss Keeling was complimented on her maiden speech. Mr. Connor, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Ely, Mr. Marks, Mr. Knott, Mr. Robson, Mr. Mack, Mr. Dixon, spoke on the motion.

*Voting. For 34. Against 65.*

The motion was defeated.

**CREDENTIAL REPORT.**

103. Officers 4, Area Representative 6, Trustees 3, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 18 delegates, representing 13 D.Cs., Lyceum delegates 78, representing 59 Lyceums. Total eligible to vote 113. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant 1, Press 1. Total 117.

104. Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Swindells seconded,  
**That the Credential Report be accepted.**

*Carried.*

**NOTICES IF MOTION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.**

105. Mr. Knott stated there were no written motions to hand.  
 106. Mr. Ely: I would like to bring one forward,  
**That this Conference recommend that district people should approach all hospitals in their area for a "minister's pass."**

**VOTE OF THANKS.**

107. Mr. Knott moved, Mr. Dixon seconded,  
**A Vote of Thanks to local friends, retiring Officers, and Members of the M.C.**  
 Mr. Slimin, Mr. Edwards, and the President supported the Vote of Thanks.  
 The President thanked everybody for their presence and having taken part in a real good Conference.  
 Mr. Keeling pronounced the benediction.  
 The Conference closed at 4-35 p.m.

G. F. KNOTT, Editor.

**PORTSMOUTH LYCEUM WEDDING.**

The third wedding this year at Portsmouth Temple, conducted by Mr. A. G. Newton, D.N.U., was solemnised on Saturday, June 21st, when Miss Amy Constance Arberry and Mr. Arthur Durman were married in accordance with the Lyceumists' ceremony taken from the Manual.

The bride was dressed in a beige georgette gown prettily trimmed with lace, and she made a very attractive picture. The bride was attended by Miss Florence Durman as chief bridesmaid, and Sylvia Durman, Vera Chambers and Beryl Putman as her other maids. These wore pink voile dresses of old English period with Dutch bonnets for head-dresses. All carried bouquets. The best man was Mr. Harold Durman.

There was a nice attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The organist, Mrs. Yeaxlee, rendered appropriate music before, during, and after the service.

Later in the day the happy couple left for Liss, where the honeymoon is being spent.

**THE TRANSITION OF HENRY HARGREAVES, OF NELSON.**

We regret to report the passing of Mr. Henry Hargreaves, of Nelson, after a short illness on June 15th at his home. He had a severe illness six years ago and has not been strong since that time. He leaves a widow and a son to mourn his physical loss.

Mr. "Harry" Hargreaves has been one of the mainstays of Spiritualism in North East Lancashire for many years. The Church which was built at Nelson in 1907, one of the finest in England, is a tribute and memorial to his zeal and earnestness. He was ever present to guide and lead the local Church and Lyceum into sound progressive ways.

He had been a spiritualist nearly 40 years and came to Nelson from Skipton. Besides having been the Church President, leader and organiser, Mr. Hargreaves was a thorough Lyceumist and served on the national M.C. of the B.S.L.U. some years ago. He did much work as a magnetic healer and his powers as a psychometrist were often in evidence, when giving psychic and herbal treatment to patients.

Harry could never hear any adverse comment on Spiritualism without taking up its defence, and often gave his services as a speaker—all his services for Spiritualism were voluntarily performed.

Mr. Hargreaves was a Nelson town councillor up to last November. Failing health and pressure of business caused him not to seek re-election.

The interment took place on June 17th. A service was held in the Nelson Spiritualist Church, at which the Mayor and Mayoress, the ex-mayor and members of the Council were present. Members of the Council and Labour colleagues acted as bearers.

Mr. Reuben Latham conducted the Service, assisted by Mrs. Rawlinson, President of Burnley (North St.) Church, and Mr. G. F. Knott, Gen. Secy. of the B.S.L.U.

A great number of wreaths were sent by sympathetic friends.

We hope the knowledge of a good and useful life, along with the certainty of continued communion, may ease the pain of the physical separation which has come to Mrs. Hargreaves and her son. We are sure all North East Lancashire Churches and Lyceums will give their sympathy.

**MEDIUMSHIP.**

I rely on spirit people to prove that I am capable of being a medium.

The opinion of mortals is of serious moment, and it may be an irritation that prevents them seeing the evidence of an experience which is beyond their willingness to understand. Those who have opinions against mediumship often negate the possibility of convincing evidences.

That I commune with spirits and feel their influence is self-satisfying to me. I am willing to impart such evidences to those who desire similar communion.

The source of mediumship comes from spirits, human beings are the mediums. The recipients of the messages are those who provide suitable conditions for revelation.

GEORGE HILL.

## CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, etc.

Bolton, Bradford St.—Mr. A. Bromiley, 35, Rankliffe Rd., Bolton.  
 Keighley, Heber St.—Miss A. Middlebrooke, 7, Poplar Terr., Keighley Rd., Morton, Bingley, Keighley.  
 Scunthorpe.—Miss I. Sprakes, 90, West St., Scunthorpe, Lines.  
 Bristol.—Mrs. K. Baker, 100, Lower Cheltenham Place, Bristol.  
 Hull, Dairycoates.—Miss H. Jacobson, 20, Seaton Grove, Hessel Road, Hull.  
 Clapham.—Mr. H. R. Barnard, 15, Ashmere Grove, London, S.W.2.  
 Skegness.—Mr. J. L. Jackaman, "Linden Lea," Wainfleet Road, Skegness, Lines.  
 Nottingham, Pearson's Buildings.—Mr. J. Rose, 13, Berridge Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.  
 South-East Lanc. D.V.—Mr. H. Shaw, Henry Street, Rochdale Road, Bacup.

## 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.

## BIRTHS.

BROWN (late Bowes Park Lyceum) at 41, Speeton Avenue, Bradford, a son, Malcolm, April 12th. Named at Bankfoot Church "Victor" by Mrs. Bennion.

## IN MEMORIAM.

GRANGETOWN.—Transferred to Summerland Lyceum, June 4th, Edna Green, late Musical Director, aged 17 years. Our first Lyceum Funeral. The service was conducted by Mr. G. Humphries and supported by the Lyceum. It was very impressive both in the Church and Cemetery.

A. BOTTOMLEY, Sec.

NELSON.—Hargreaves. In esteemed memory of a late Conductor and late Church President, Mr. H. Hargreaves, aged 63 years. "United he stands with loved ones and fellow workers of our Religion."

E. BOOTHMAN, Sec.

## District Visitors' Reports.

## HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Huddersfield, Ramsden St., April 6th. 15 present. Very well conducted Lyceum. A few questions and answers on the various readings. Marching and callisthenics fairly good. A few pearls and a recitation. A very good book, "The Creation," was being discussed in the Liberty Group. The bell was responded to very well.

April 13th. Quarmby.—It was the Lyceum Anniversary, instead of the Open Session. There was a good number of the choir and Lyceumists on the platform. The singing was well rendered. The children gave the song, "Open the Door for the Children," which was very good.

April 13th, Huddersfield, Ramsden St., Anniversary of the Lyceum. Good congregation. Singing very good. An item by about four of the youngest Lyceumists was very well rendered.

W. BUTTLE, D.V.

## LEEDS DISTRICT.

Heckmondwike, Walkley Lane, March 23rd. Started prompt. 23 present. One good explanation on S.C.R. M.R. read voluntarily. The Conductor asked for questions and a number were asked and answered. G.C.R. 135, one explanation. In the absence of the Officers the session was well carried through.

Birstall, Railway Terrace, April 6th. 10 present. The callisthenics had a good leader. The Conductor did very well. A few questions were asked.

Horbury and Ossett, April 13th. 17 present. The Lyceum is just beginning to pick up after a lapse, and there is every possibility of it becoming a good Lyceum.

Scarborough, May 18th. Session opened with L.M. 330.

G.C.R. 118. The conductor and a lady visitor gave good explanations. The physical exercises were done well.

Morley, Queen St., June 15th. 10 present. The conductor and readers gave good explanations. Marching and Callisthenics were very good.

A. DODDIE, JURR. D.V.

## SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

I have recently visited Rochdale (Baron Street), Middleton (Gilmour Street) and Oldhall Street. They were all progressing favourably.

On May 25th I visited Bacup and report the singing and readings as excellent. Two series of callisthenics were performed. Order and conduct was very good.

Lyceums please note I have been appointed the official D.V.  
 HERBERT SHAW.

## District Council Reports.

## BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Bolton L.D.C. held a very successful Demonstration at Bury on May 31st, 1930.

The Lyceums assembled on the Fairground where Miss Elliott and Mr. Knott explained the Lyceum methods of education to a large crowd of interested watchers.

A procession was formed through the main streets of Bury, and two Bury Lyceumists, Miss Nellie Dean and Miss Edith White, laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in the centre of the town. The token of respect has created much interest in Bury.

The Lyceums returned to the Fairground, where a demonstration of marching and callisthenics was given before a large number of people. The various movements were watched with keen interest. Miss A. Dean conducted the marching and callisthenics, assisted in the latter by Misses N. Dean and E. White.

Mr. Charnley and Mr. F. Jones were the Marshals. Miss Elliott, Mrs. Nurse, Mr. Knott, Mr. Hepworth, and Council officials headed the procession. Heap Bridge Band played very appropriate music for the various events.

Tea was held in the Co-operative Hall. Mrs. Nurse, Miss Elliott and Mr. Knott addressed the Lyceumists assembled after tea. Social items were rendered by various Lyceumists. Dance music was provided by Whitworth's Orchestra.

The Lyceums attending were, Bury, Bolton (Deane Rd.) Bolton (Henry St.), Radcliffe, Horwich, Bolton (Bradford St.).

A very happy spirit prevailed throughout the day, and all the Lyceumists were ready to help forward the Demonstration to success.

The Demonstration was a huge success socially. It will help to mould the Lyceums closer together, and be a stimulus to district work.

A. DEAN, Sec

## HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at West Vale Church on May 18th, when 15 officers, delegates and visitors were present.

An invitation from Leeds L.D.C. to send a representative to their Annual Field Day was received, and it was decided that the Secretary should represent the Council.

The President, Mr. Smith, gave a report of the U.D.C. Meeting held at Fleetwood; Mr. E. Smith gave a report of the H. & H.D.C.

The Statistical Returns showed a total increase of 20 scholars on books, but only an increase of 3 in average attendance.

Instructions re Conference were given to the Delegate.

In the afternoon an enjoyable Open Session was held, conducted by Mrs. Fox, of West Vale.

The President presided over the Evening Service, which brought a happy day, and we hope, a fruitful one, to a close.

The NEXT MEETING will be held at Brighouse on August 24th.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

## LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference was held on Saturday, June 21st, at Railway Terrace, Birstall.

The President, Mr. Tweedale, was in the Chair. An invocation was given by the Secretary. Welcome to Conference was given by Miss Spencer, Lyceum Conductor, and accepted by the President.

Roll Call.—Officers 5, Area Representatives, 1, Field Day Secretary, 1, 18 Delegates, representing 13 Lyceums. Associates 4, Fraternal Delegate, L.D.C. 1. Total 29.

The President in a short address paid a tribute to the Field Day Secretary and appealed for support at the Castleford Demonstration.

He also spoke on education and wished the students every success. Comments were made on the B.S.L.U. Conference. York Lyceum was congratulated for the arrangements.

Financial support to the Union was encouraged.

The Silver Bell competition also received mention.

The Minutes were accepted and confirmed.

Correspondence.—Re letter from L.D.C., after much discussion agreed it lay on the table.

Re Home of Rest. An appeal by the E.C. that delegates send to the Secretary names of suitable places; agreed to.

Reports.—Mr. Daisley had visited Heckmondwike, Birstall, Horbury and Ossett, Scarborough, Morley (Queen St.) The D.V. was complimented on his excellent report.

Treasurer's: Income £13 12s. 5d. Expenditure £6 19s. 11½d. Balance carried forward, £6 12s. 5½d.

The U.D.C. and B.S.L.U. Reports were accepted with thanks.

The Field Day Secretary gave a final report of all meetings during the quarter.

Silver Bell Sub-Committee Report caused a real live discussion and was most interesting. It was agreed to refer back to the Committee. Lyceums desirous of sending new suggestions must do so by and not later than July 20th. All reports were accepted.

Notice of Motion from Wakefield. "That future Field Day Demonstrations and cost of one Band be equally divided between all affiliated Lyceums of the L.L.D.C.

Armley moved an amendment:—"Cost of Bands to be borne by the Council."

A most interesting discussion followed, and finally both motion and amendment were defeated.

Silver Bell Competition. It was agreed that no competition be held this year as the new rules are not complete.

Open Council. Agreed that the Castleford Friends elect a Gate Steward for Field Day.

The date and place of next meeting was left with the Secretary to arrange.

A vote of thanks was given to Birstall friends for such a splendid tea provided. Mr. Spencer accepted on behalf of the Lyceum.

Mr. Spencer gave notice of a motion to increase Secretary's honorarium from £1 to £2.

Lyceums represented.—Armley, Batley Carr, Birstall, Castleford, Dewsbury, Batley, Easy Road, Morley (Cross Church Street), Morley (Queen St.), Liversedge, Wakefield, Normanton (Queen St.) Leeds (Psycho).

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting of the London Lyceum District Council was held at the Rochester Square Spiritualists' Temple and Lyceum. Four Officers, nine E.C. members, thirty delegates representing seventeen Lyceums, eleven associates and one Life Associate were present.

The minutes of last A.G.M. were read and confirmed.

The President (Mr. Fruin) in his address referred to the cordial relations existing between the L.D.C. and the L.L.D.C. and expressed the hope that the bond would be further strengthened during the coming year. Referring to the difficulty encountered by many Lyceums in keeping the young people in their teens interested, he suggested that this could only be accomplished by providing interests other than the session work, such as dramatic societies, gymnasiums, sports' sections, etc., according to the needs of the various members.

The President's address was adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed quite a healthy position, the Cash in hand in the General Fund being £8 11s. 4d., and the Social Fund £3 4s. 2½d. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Secretary's, District Visitors, A.D.V.'s., Social Secretary's and Athletic Secretary's reports were adopted.

The meeting confirmed the appointment of Mr. Sawyer, of Battersea, and Mr. J. Calway, of Eltham, as Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Athletic Club.

The various alterations to the Bye-Laws submitted by the E.C. were adopted with slight amendments, as also were the alterations to the Silver Bell and Medal Rules.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee, etc.—President, Mr. Fruin; Secretary, Mrs. Calway; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Fruin; District Visitors, South and West London, Miss Penning-

ton; North and East, Mr. Bell; Assistant District Visitors, South and West, Miss Last; North and East, left to E.C. to fill; Vice-President, Mr. Miles; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Calway; Social Secretary, Mrs. Bell; Councillors, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Tiffin, Mr. Ella, Mrs. Drew and Miss Ashley; Conference Delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Fruin; L.D.C. of S.N.U., Mr. Ella; Social Committee, Mrs. Tiffin, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Ella and Mrs. Stroude.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all retiring officers for their services during the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rochester Square friends for their hospitality brought a most harmonious meeting to a close.

London Lyceumists are requested to send their silver paper to Mr. A. E. Fruin, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex.

#### NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

On Sunday, June 1st, we held a Massed Session at Macclesfield Spiritualist Church. There was a very good attendance; visitors were present from Ashton, Stockport Central, Heaton Norris and Congleton.

Mrs. Challiner opened the session by calling upon Mrs. Edwards, the President of the N.E.C.L.D.C., to take charge of the afternoon's proceedings. The President's opening remarks were an appeal for unity and hopes that we shall be as one happy family.

Mr. E. Lloyd gave the invocation.

The children of Macclesfield Lyceum rendered the song "Sunny days of Childhood," after which Mrs. Ennion conducted a silver chain reading, followed by a recitation by Miss S. Bamford.

A representative of each Lyceum gave a reading. The marching and callisthenics were done splendidly, being conducted by Miss Dean.

A solo was rendered by Miss E. Cotterill, after which greetings were given from each Lyceum represented. Mrs. Ennion gave the benediction.

In the evening a Musical Service was held. Items were rendered by members of Macclesfield Church and Lyceum. Readings, etc., were given by several members of the Council.

E. LLOYD, Sec.

#### SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The Council held the Quarterly Meeting at the Foresters' Hall, London Street, Reading, on May 24th. The President was in the Chair.

Delegates and associates attended from Portsmouth, Reading, and Southampton. Mr. Lawrence (President) offered invocation. A welcome was given by Mrs. Lawrence (Senior).

Arising from the Minutes, the name and address of the Secretary at Paignton was asked for.

Correspondence was accepted and the action of Executive Officers in endorsing Ryde's application to the B.S.L.U. was sanctioned. Letter to be sent to Mrs. Baker, Past President, regretting her inability to attend, due to sickness, and also thanks for her past services.

The President's address dealt mainly with the need for the importation of fresh ideas and activities, to awaken interest and create stimulus.

Mrs. Taylor, D.V., reported she had visited Ryde, who as yet are unaffiliated to the D.C., and helped to realise that once a single purpose can be the aim of Church and Lyceum they have every hope of progress.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of £3 17s. 2d., with income still rising.

The Secretary noted that Eastleigh had not yet allied themselves to the Council, and no correspondence had been received from Plymouth and Paignton. Affiliation Fees for five Lyceums had been paid and 20 Associates' fees had been received.

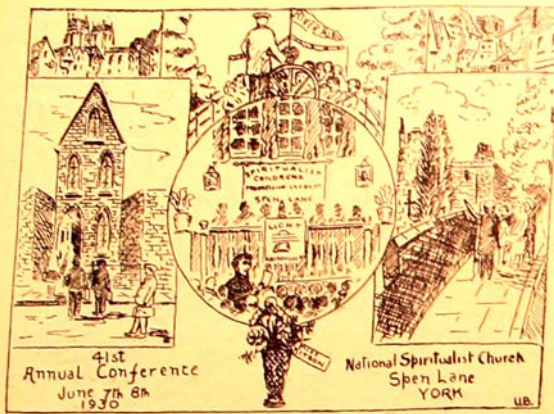
It was agreed that the Quarterly Report should be sent to the BANNER for publication and distributed to Lyceums not having BANNERS, and to those still unaffiliated.

The Church Council Secretary, Mr. MacFarlane, promised to be of assistance in awakening interest. It was decided that, owing to the uncontroversial nature of the Agenda, we send no delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference.

We recorded congratulations to Mr. Wilkins, of Reading, and Mr. Guy, of Southampton, for examination achievements.

There was a formal invitation to hold the next Council Meeting at Portsmouth on August 16th. A vote of thanks was recorded for a happy meeting.

H. C. GUY, 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.

DUNEDIN, N.Z.—On April 6th the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce was dedicated, receiving the name of Athalic Anice and the spiritual name of "Loyola." Two little girls, Irene Bachop and Joan Hargreaves, acted as flower girls, one carrying a wreath of pink rosebuds for crowning the child, and the other a posy of the same. This made the 50th child dedicated in Dunedin by Miss Burgess, so several adult members contributed towards a silver Spiritual Badge (N.Z.) which was presented to the child to mark the occasion.

Mrs. Brooks supplied the music for the afternoon Session. Owing to inclement weather, very few visitors were present. Pearls by all. Recitations by Frances Anthony, Joan Hargreaves, Irene Bachop, Hilda, Kathleen and Roland Paul, Kitty Dobbin, Jean McConnell, Kenneth Brooks, Margaret and Edith Robinson, Dulcie Pratley, and a few words by the wee girl, Lorraine Hoyne. No time was left for further efforts, so we closed by singing "God Bless the Lyceum." Mr. Stables, the Church Vice-President, gave the benediction, and so closed another memorable Lyceum Session. We are pleased to note in March BANNER the success of two Dunedin competitors in the Overseas Competition.

On Sunday, May 11th, "Mothers' Day" was held and Special Open Session. The weather was delightful. The children and all present responded well. Pearls by all present. After a short talk on Mothers, recitations were given by Roland and Hilda Paul, Kathleen Paul, Lorraine Hoyne, Frances Anthony, Jim Robinson, Dulcie Prattley, Margaret and Edith Robinson, Jean McConnell and Edith Asher. A long letter received from Mr. McFarlane was read, and a prize book from him presented to Edith Robinson, winner in Overseas Competition. It is nice to get these friendly links with the old country. We were sorry to hear of the passing-on of some of the great workers, but we know they have only "gone ahead." We too lost a valuable worker, who passed out suddenly in Wellington at our Annual Conference on Good Friday. He was Sec. of Dunedin Church, and a much-loved and respected man. Greetings to all Lyceums and best wishes for the success of the BANNER.—(Miss) R. Burgess, Con.-Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—On June 15th we conducted the Church service, the room being packed with interested people. Our Conductor, Mrs. Coffin, was in the Chair. Miss King gave the opening address, followed by addresses from Messrs. Morris (Church President), McDowell, Rayment and Peck. Solo by Miss E. Coffin and other Lyceumists; also recitations. Our Conductor gave the closing address.—D. Boulton, Session Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—June 1st was one of the happiest days we have had in our Lyceum. It was our Anniversary and also the Mass Session of North-East Cheshire District Council. Friends were present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Heaton Norris, Stockport, and a large number of Congleton Lyceumists. Mrs. Pimblott was with us and played the accompaniments. The infants sang very sweetly "Happy Days of Childhood," at the morning and afternoon sessions. The marching and callisthenics were well done under the leadership of Miss Dean. Solos

were given by Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. Henshaw and the Misses E. Cotterill, and M. Hulley; duets by Mrs. Henshaw and Miss Hulley; recitals by Misses S. Gannon, Joan and P. Swindells. Five Lyceumists sang "Heart Flowers" at the evening service. Short addresses were given by Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Ennion and Mr. Lloyd. Reading by Mrs. Ennion.

Mrs. Challiner was in the Chair morning and afternoon, and Councillor J. Potts at the evening meeting. Good collections. Everyone said it had been good to be here, and now for the Lyceum Picnic on July 12th, when we are looking forward to welcoming a lot of Lyceum friends.—Hannah Rushton, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after June 25th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than July 23rd, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—Open Session, June 8th. Conducted by Mr. F. Taylor, assisted by Mr. Chapman. Music was given by Miss E. Tabiner; S.C.R. by Mrs. W. Taylor; G.C.R. by Miss White; recitations by B. Bartlett, P. Glover and C. Godden; solos by Mrs. W. Taylor, N. Godden, C. Godden.—F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—Open Session, June 1st. Recitations by Phyllis Edwards, Jean Chew, Jackie Chew; duets by Bessie and Jean Hilton, Jean Chew and Marjorie Dodson; solos by Miss Rhoda Swift (in sweet memory of an old conductor, Mrs. Walmsley), Evelyn Jackson and Stanley Laycock; trio by Phyllis Edwards, Jean Chew and Marjorie Dodson. We had a very enjoyable session and are progressing favourably.—W. Hilton, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—June 1st, Open Session. Recitations by Jimmy Henderson, Leslie Hamilton, Muriel and Annie Watson, and Lilian Harding; solos were rendered by Florrie Watson and Albert Thompson; duet by Edna and Clifford Jones; pianoforte solo by Mr. Whitley; pearls by Albert and Elsie Thompson. A nice session.—D. Dunn, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—We held our usual Open Session on May 25th. A good session, enjoyed by all. Recitations by F. Holding, I. Entwistle, F. Knowles, J. Entwistle, C. Raiton and C. Derbyshire; piano and violin duet by Miss E. A. Riding and C. Walley. Mrs. E. Johnson, of Bolton, was our speaker for the day.—T. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—Election of Officers, June 1st. Conductor, Mr. T. Liles; Assist. Conductor, Miss J. Thwaites; Secretary, Mr. A. Bromiley; Assist. Secretary, Miss A. Lomas; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Mr. W. Johnson; Assist., Mr. Cliff; Treasurer, Mr. Ridings; Guardian, Mr. Birchall; Musical Director, Mr. Ridings; Assist., Mr. A. Booth; Captain of Guards, Mr. Birchall; Guards, Phyllis Speakman, H. Tonge and G. Shackles; Auditors, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lintott; Representatives to Society, Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. T. Liles; Representatives to B.L.D.C., Mr. T. Liles and Mr. R. Johnson; Children's Leader, Miss L. Speight; Girls' Leader, Mr. W. Johnson; Boys' Leader, Mr. J. Thwaites and Mr. A. Bromiley; Librarian, Mr. W. Johnson; Assist., Miss E. Speight; Entertainments Committee, Mr. T. Liles, Mr. Cliff, Miss J. Thwaites, Miss L. Speight, Mr. A. Booth, Mr. Brown; Sick Visitors, Mr. T. Liles, Mr. W. Edwards, Mrs. Barley, Miss E. Edwards. Mr. Cliff moved, and Mr. W. Johnson seconded, a vote of thanks to all retiring officers.—A. Bromiley, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—June 1st, Open Session. Very good attendance. Several songs, duets and recitations were well rendered.

On June 22nd we held our 22nd Anniversary Day. Speaker,

Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax. Mr. H. Hargreaves presided. During the afternoon a very interesting ceremony took place in the naming of an infant by Mrs. Babbs. We were favoured with the presence of the Bradford L.D.C. Greetings to all Lyceums and best wishes for continued success of the BANNER.—J. Babbs, Sec.

CALGARY.—Special Mothers' Day Services. Pianoforte solos by Margaret Dams, Jean Porper and Victor Dams; vocal duet by Lorna Yoxall and Jeannie Dieticker; readings by Eleanor Mattison, Lorna Yoxall, Mr. and Mr. Roberts, of Medicine Hat; pearls were said by all, bearing on Mothers' Day. The Leader, Mrs. Parkyn, gave each child a flower with a verse attached about "Mother."—Mrs. H. E. Thomson, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—June 1st, Open Session, conducted by Mr. Bown. We had a fairly good attendance, and, after marching and callisthenics, which were conducted by Mr. E. Hobster, the following obliged with items:—Leslie and Lily Driver, Harold and Irene Hobster, Norman and Evelyn Clements, Avis Bown, Ivy Hall, Billy Dobb, Elsie Smith, Jessie Orwin, Mr. Bown and Mr. E. Hobster. Mr. Campbell gave the benediction. An enjoyable session.—M. Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, June 1st, conducted by Miss Wilkinson. Musical reading, No. 126, on which several interesting questions were asked. Pearls by Ethel Scholes, Eva Rowley, Mr. T. Brooke, Irene Wilson and Master B. Walker; recitation by Joyce Sharp; Hymn No. 383 by Irene Wilson, Eva Rowley and Ethel Scholes; duet by Doris Garside and Florence Donner. We had a good attendance and quite an enjoyable session.

On June 15th, Miss Higgs performed a naming ceremony. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowley was named "Rita." Its spiritual name was given as "Blossom." A Lyceum Badge was pinned to the little infant, denoting the acceptance of its membership into our progressive circle. We had quite a good attendance, and the Lyceum sang "Heart Flowers"—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DARWEN.—On June 1st we held our Lyceum Flower Service. In the evening, at 6-30, we held an Open Session, and a very big number of friends attended. A splendid time was spent together. Kind thoughts were sent to four of our Lyceumists who were ill: Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Hacking. The soloist for the evening was Mrs. Seddon.—Mrs. A. Lowe, Ban. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Open Session, May 25th. Conductor, Mr. C. Phillips. 14 pearls. Recitations by Margaret Greenwood and Mr. A. Kitson; solos by Louie Gregory, Clarissa Phillips, Miss F. Senior, Miss A. Bentley, Miss M. Hirst, Mr. E. Greenwood, Mr. E. Wilson, Mr. H. Gregory; duet by Mr. Kitson and Mrs. Hartley. On G.C.R. 141, the following gave experiences which brought them more into the Spiritualist Movement: Mr. G. Peel, Mr. N. Hartley, Mrs. Rendall, Mr. Gregory, Mr. T. Taylor, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Lawton and Mr. A. Holdsworth.

June 9th, Whitsuntide Treat, headed by Darton Subs. Band, we proceeded to the field. Our anniversary hymns were sung by scholars and friends. Mr. E. Whitworth and Mr. J. H. Collier had charge of the Banner. Collectors, Mr. V. R. Phillips, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Gregory. The Conductor walked under the Banner. The children were string bearers. Mr. Shaw, Mr. Leadbetter and Mr. Greenwood, F. Senior, M. Hirst, N. Whitworth and A. Bentley had charge of them. In charge of stall were Mrs. Gregory and Mr. V. Phillips, Mr. G. Oakes, Mr. H. Gregory. The Secretary wishes to thank Mr. C. Phillips for acting as Secretary. On Whit Tuesday the Church Choir had their Annual Trip to Windermere. Everyone enjoyed it.—Mrs. L. Bland, Treas., Mr. V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—Open Session June 1st. Conducted by Miss Johnson. Invocation by A. Crossland. Marching and callisthenics were nicely done. The following Lyceumists took part: M. Holloway, L. Middleton, M. Wattam, V. Soan, F. Soan and M. Soan. We had a successful session.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Green End Avenue.—Open Session, June 1st. Recitations by J. Sprout, F. Clarke, G. Blackburn, A. Wilkinson, O. Wilkins, L. Sprout, R. Hodgkinson; songs by A. Wilkinson, M. Ennis, F. Clarke, W. Hancock, J. Sprout, T. Hancock, L. Sprout, G. Blackburn. Item by the Liberty Group. A good time was spent together.—B. Fryer, Sec.

EASTWOOD.—On Saturday, May 24th, we held a Public Tea and Concert to commemorate the winning of the Shield. The Lyceum Concert Party rendered a good evening's enter-

tainment. During the evening the Shield was presented to Mr. Slater by Miss Rayner, who spoke on efficiency that must be maintained year after year to raise the bond of Brotherhood and Sisterhood throughout the Empire. In all a very pleasant time was spent.—C. Barnes, Sec.

ELLAND, Westgate.—We held our Anniversary on May 25th. Open Session in the afternoon. Recitations by Rhoda and Mary Riley; solos by Mr. F. Smith and Miss Connie Smith; duet, Mildred Riley and Alice Sutcliffe. The readings were good and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

At the evening service, Mr. Knott was the speaker. A solo rendered by Mrs. Longbottom, and duet by Mildred Riley and Alice Sutcliffe were enjoyed by all. The reading, "Spiritual Commandments," was ably read by our Conductor, Mr. E. Smith. Mr. Knott gave a very inspiring address touching on the various laws of nature. F. Smith, Sec.

FLFETWOOD.—Open Session, June 1st. Items were well given and received. Recitations by Jessie and Gladys Ainsworth, Doris Parkinson, Minnie Wright, Ruth and Dorothy Harris, and Alice Yates; solos by Irene Watkins and Frank Harris. There were several good pearls. A very good session.

A very successful concert has been given by the Lyceum Merry Midgets Concert Party. The programme opened by a concerted chorus, "Jolliety Farm," with effects, and the following songs and jokes were so well rendered that each received an encore:—Kate Marron sang "Sleepy Valley," Mona Bettiss "Hard to Get," Violet Foreshaw "Maggie, What Have You Been Up To," Frank Harris "Give Yourself a Pat on the Back," Rene Watkins "Nelly Gray," Eva Ainsworth "My Song of the Nile," Lily Frith "Go to Bed," Eric Horan, Jack Ainsworth and Kenneth Harris cracked jokes and were the comedians of the party. Action song by 9 little girls, entitled "Cookery," "The Leader of the Town's Brass Band" by Jack Ainsworth and the boys, graceful song and dance by 10 girls entitled "Grandma's Days," and finale and ensemble "The Dame of the Paper Dolls" by Mollie Ainsworth and Mary Gibson, concluding with the Glee "Sweet and Low." The Concert Party were tastefully dressed in Violet and Helio costumes and the performance was given with a swing, and reflected great credit to those who have trained and dressed them.—L. Vollans.

GREAT HARWOOD.—June 1st, Open Session, conducted by Mr. Doswell, assisted by Mrs. Whittle. S.C. by Rosa Bagshaw; M.R. by Mrs. Pickvance, Miss Waterhouse and Mr. H. Crooks; G.C. by May Pickvance; recitations by Florrie Pickvance, Greta Johnson, Marjorie Williamson and Annie Aspden; duet by Mr. Whittle and Mr. H. Crooks. The session was enjoyed by all.—H. Norris, Sec.

HANLEY.—We held our Lyceum Anniversary on June 1st. Mrs. Blanche Petz, D.N.U., of London, was our speaker for the services. Special hymns were rendered by the children and choir, who had been trained under the efficient conductorship of Mr. D. H. Hassall. Mr. F. Rowley presided.—Annie Mason, Sec.

HEMSWORTH.—On Monday, May 26th, we had a Ham Tea in aid of Lyceum funds for the Field Day. Mr. T. Fraud read the Service of Song, "Spirit Return." The songs were rendered by Lyceumists. A happy day was spent.—Mrs. W. Bates, Sec.

HOLLINWOOD.—On May 25th, Mrs. Crompton officiated at the naming of Mr. and Mrs. E. Luke's infant daughter, Barbara. The spirit name of "Sunshine" was given.—A. Fogg, Sec.

HORWICH.—On May 25th we held our Anniversary. In the afternoon we had an Open Session. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Simmonds, of Preston. We also had visitors from Bradford Street, Henry Street, and Preston Lyceums, and one of our late Conductors, Mrs. Pickles, of America. We had a very pleasant day.

On Saturday, May 31st, we went to Bury with our children and friends to the Bolton Council's Demonstration, and spent a very nice day together.—G. Taylor, Sec.

JARROW, Ellison Street.—June 1st, Anniversary Services. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Glen, of Gateshead, who also presided. Recitations by Lyceumists were very good. Solos by Misses I. and Agnes Dunn; duet by Mrs. B. Hardwick and Miss Dunn. The Lyceum rendered "Come unto Me" and "Brook."—H. Lavery, Sec.

LANCASTER, Great John Street.—On June 1st we had a very pleasant Open Session. Marching and callisthenics were

very well done, even the tiniest Lyceumists making an attempt. The following youngsters contributed towards the success of our session with recitations—A. Eccles, Jacky Partridge, Muriel Bleasdale, I. Partridge, V. Harrison, E. Stephenson (2), D. Bleasdale and W. Harrison. Hoping all Lyceumists will have enjoyable summer holidays.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—Open Session, June 1st, before a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The following took part:—Solos by Miss D. Chamberlain, Lily Jayes, Miss Frost; recitations by Jacky Whitbread, Horace Jayes, Elsie Garratt, Betty Crossley; duets by Lavinia Garrett and Doris Jayes; Ethel Gamble and Doris Garrett; trio by S. J. Wheatley, T. Kenney and Mr. Jayes. Pearls were good. A happy session was well spent.

On June 10th we had our Annual Outing to Charnwood Forest by chara. 100 Lyceumists and friends. All had a glorious time among the trees and flowers and hills.—T. Kenney, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—June 1st, Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part.—Solos by Misses E. Wicks and M. Coysh, Duet by Messrs. G. Watson and A. Rimington. Recitations by Misses E. Dehoue and L. Jayes, Mrs. Dehoue and Master H. Jayes. A bright and enjoyable session.—J. Wicks.

LONDON, Rochester Square.—A Dance was held at the Co-op. Hall, Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, on June 10th, in aid of the Lyceum Children's Outing Fund, where everyone enjoyed themselves to the full. This function proved a very great success, both socially and financially, there being quite a substantial sum to put to the fund for which this dance was organized. Several people present expressed the hope that another of these social affairs would soon be held. We had friends with us from Tottenham, Hackney and Bowes Park. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves.—D. M. Jordan.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session, June 1st. A well-attended session with many interesting contributions. The speaker, Mrs. West, an adult Lyceumist, gave a beautiful address and the L.L.D.C. Visitor also added some encouraging words and brought the greetings of London Lyceums. Recitations from Molly Stoffer, Betty Haughton, Kenneth West, June Bates and Joan Pettit; song by Edie Pettit; violin solo by Harry Soones. All were much enjoyed. Interest is being maintained and big efforts are required for the Annual Outing to Thorpe Bay which has been arranged for Sept. 6th.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, 744, High Road.—Our progress for the past month has been very satisfactory, though we have not enrolled any new members. Our rambles have been a great success, though it rained on our first, it did not stop our enjoyment. Looking forward to many more pleasant Saturday afternoons.—E. McDowell, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—On June 8th the Lyceum took the platform at the evening service. Solos and recitations were rendered; also 10 minute addresses by Lyceumists. We had a full congregation and a very interesting time was spent.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow, High Street.—Open Session, June 1st. We had many separate efforts. June 8th, visitors from Ryde Lyceum. Best wishes. Please note New Secretary's address: Miss Thomas, 4, Canning Road, Walthamstow.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—There was a good attendance of members and friends at the Open Session on June 1st.

On June 21st, at the Annual Egg and Flower Service, the Lyceumists sang "Heart Flowers." Mrs. Chambers and Mr. Johnson sang a duet which was greatly appreciated by the audience.—N. Willey, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—May 25th, Liberty Group. An enjoyable afternoon was spent. The speaker was Mr. Bentley.

June 1st we had several visitors at the afternoon and evening Open Sessions, from other Lyceums, Councils and friends. Individual efforts were plentiful. We greatly appreciate the manner in which our Conductor conducts the sessions.

June 13th, our Lyceum spent a glorious day enjoying the sea, sands and sunshine at New Brighton. The Children's Sports were held on the sands, and after tea the prizes were presented by Mr. Marks (President). We arrived back home tired but happy.—R. H. Baycliffe, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—25th May was Lyceum Sunday, the Lyceum taking the Church services.

At 6.30 we had a Musical Service, and a large number of Lyceumists took part in solos, duets and choruses. Mr. Shipman gave a short address on Youth and the Present Generation. The service was a great success.

MIDDLETON, Old Hall Street.—Our Lyceumists are singing anniversary songs for the Church on July 14th. As everyone is determined to do their best, it is pleasing to report steady progress.—H. Andrew, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On June 1st we had the naming ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts's baby. We were very pleased to have with us once again our President, who performed the ceremony. The earthly name was Annie, spiritual name "Primrose." God parents, Mrs. Booth, of Patricroft, and Mr. Harry Clegg.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—June 8th, Open Sessions, which functioned in the usual happy way peculiar to them. Friends whom we believed to be attending a Lyceum for the first time seemed deeply impressed by the Lyceum mode of tuition.—M. Harper, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—Mothers' Union Session, June 8th. 44 Lyceumists present and a good number of parents and babies. Efforts by A. Young, B. Fewe, K. Key. Music by Miss M. Markley.—A. E. Reynolds, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—Our Open Session took place on June 1st. The marching and three series of callisthenics were well performed. Connie Tallon recited and Mr. Simmonds rendered an original poem. Mr. Knott, our speaker for the day, interested us by a number of his experiences, and gave us words of encouragement.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

RUGBY.—On Tuesday, May 27th, a special Service was held for the children's Outing Fund. Mrs. Coles was the speaker and gave clairvoyance. The attendance was good.

SCUNTHORPE.—The Committee and friends gave a Tea and Social to 30 children which was greatly appreciated by all. We have some enjoyable afternoons and are progressing well. We are looking forward to an outing.—Ivy Sprakes.

SHAW.—It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the passing to Higher Life of our sister, Mrs. Wormald. Her sudden transition removes not alone from our Lyceum and Church, but from the whole movement, one of the most sensitive workers there has been. Although perhaps not as active in her later days as previously, she was always to the fore when it was possible to give her sympathy or help in time of sorrow.—S. Stephenson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—Open Session June 1st. It was attended by a good number of adults and children. The recitations, etc., were rendered by C. Higginbottom, O. and N. Nutt, E. Marples, M. Overment, E. Price, M. Fox, P. Cook, G. Walker, A. and W. Nutt, Edward Marples, V. Porter and H. Cook. A very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.—B. Higginbottom, Sec.

SMETHWICK.—June 22nd. A warm afternoon, but we remained cool-headed. Recitations were ably given by B. Powell and M. Underhill; pearls by K. Green and John Clark. A happy feature was the vote of thanks, proposed by Alfred Powell, on behalf of Lyceumists, to the Leaders for their considerate attention to them at the District Outing to Lickey Hills, Birmingham, on June 21st.—Victor W. Mann, Assist. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On 18th May we had the pleasure of a visit from our Church President, Mr. Carwithen, who came to present the prizes for regular attendance during the past year. He expressed the hope that many more will qualify for a prize next year. A very enjoyable session.—E. W. Long, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—June 1st Anniversary Services. The speaker for the day was the Rev. G. Vale Owen. Mr. T. H. Wright conducted the morning Lyceum Session. Miss I. Smith conducted the marching and callisthenics, Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. J. Riley being at the organ and piano respectively. The welcome to our speaker was ably given by Laurine Burrows, and during an excellent Open Session the following gave recitations: Kathleen Rushworth, Donald Rushton, Edgar Gledhill, Ray Swires, Jack Garforth, Rene Stead, Gladys Smith, Lewis and Ivy Slean, Cecil Stead, Bessie Hold, George Holroyd, Laurine Burrows and Sylvia Rushworth; songs by Amy Holt; duet by Madame Booth and Mr. F. Sutcliffe; pearls from a few Lyceumists. Financially, too, our Anniversary was successful, the morning collection being £10, and the day's collections amounting to £44.—W. A. Rowson, Sec.