

## P.N.E.U. NOTES.

ALTRINCHAM, March 4. Dr. Denniston gave a very interesting and much appreciated address to the members of the Altrincham Branch on "The Physical Rearing of Children," touching on the parts played by air, exercise, bathing, &c., in physical education.—Mrs. Marshall Rigby, Sec.

AMBLESIDE, April 7. An address on "The Principles of the P.N.E.U." was given before the Ladies' Committee for the "boarding out" of pauper children.

BOURNEMOUTH. Lectures on "The Hygiene of Childhood," by Miss E. A. Barnett. March 2, Lecture IV., "Special Ailments; Individual Features; Parents' Duties." March 9, Lecture V., "School Work in its Relation to Life; Teachers' Duties with regard to Health." March 16, Lecture VI., "Mental and Moral Training; Growth through use of Organs."—Mrs. Nankivell, Sec.

BRADFORD, March. Mothers' Meeting at the Temperance Hall. Address by Mrs. W. H. Keeling. Address to Railway Servants on "Parental Responsibilities."—Mrs. Arthur Briggs, Sec.

GLOUCESTER. ". . . We thought it better to put off our meetings till the autumn, and I hope we shall be able . . . to rouse and keep up lasting interest."—Miss Woodward, Sec.

GRANTHAM, April 15. Committee Meeting.—Miss Hogg, Sec.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD, Feb. 26. Dr. W. Neale in the chair. Miss Helen Webb, M.B., read a clear and carefully thought out paper on "The Formation of Habit." Miss Webb spoke of "The Making, Storing, and Distributing of Nerve Force." March 19, Dr. Easby in the chair. A. H. Tubby, Esq., M.S.M.B. Lond., of Guy's Hospital, read a most able paper on "Heredity."—Sec., Miss Playne.

KENDAL AND WINDERMERE, Feb. 26. Meeting. Resolved—"To meet unofficially during the next session and hear papers read and discussed."—Secs., Mr. and Mrs. Colin Somervell, Kendal, and Dr. Mason, Windermere.

SHEFFIELD. Drawing-room meeting.

SYDNEY, N.S.W. "'The Parents' National Educational Union' has been pretty freely advertised, . . . is certain to grow into a great society."—Rev. H. L. Jackson, M.A.

We have to mourn the first break in the ranks of our contributors. The news of the death of the Rev. R. H. Quick, M.A., came upon us when we were expecting his congratulations on our new cover. We little thought when his article on "Children's Arithmetic" was going through the press (see March number), that this was the last contribution to educational thought which the world should receive from the pen of this original thinker, and most wise and genial friend to all educational effort. We mourn a double loss: Mr. Quick has done good service on the Council of the P.N.E.U.

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## THE STORY OF TONIC SOL-FA.\*

BY MRS. J. SPENCER CURWEN.

"What *is* Tonic Sol-fa?" is sometimes asked even in this year 1891, in which is celebrated the jubilee of the movement. We are a big nation in this little country of ours, and notwithstanding the fact that about six million persons are singing from our notation, and that an average of 8,000 *new* classes are formed annually, there remain a number of people who know nothing of Tonic Sol-fa but its familiar name, or who may have accidentally come across the mysterious-looking rows of letters from which "the board-school children" learn to sing, but which "it is quite absurd to call *music*, you know."

The scoffers, however, are fast disappearing, and there is a steadily increasing number of those who want to know more about a *notation* from which little children do somehow learn to sing at sight, and a *method* to which even the obstinate unbelievers pay a great tribute—for they say that it is not to its notation (which they hate), but to its carefully elaborated method (which nevertheless they will not study), that the movement owes its success.

The jubilee year is a fitting time to tell the story of Tonic

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