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To whom all Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, also 30 copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.

NEW BRANCHES.

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Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Blogg.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Franklin, 9, Pembroke Gardens, W. (at home Thursday mornings).—The following provisional arrangements have been made:—October 25th, at 5.30, at 86, Westbourne Terrace (by kind permission of Mrs. Hall), a lecture will be given by the Hon. Canon E. Lyttleton. Tea and coffee 5 o'clock.—November 25th, at 5, Sussex Square (by kind permission of Mrs. Norman), Mrs. Clement Parsons will lecture on "Romance and Childhood." Mr. A. C. P. Coote in the chair.—In December, Dr. Schorstein will lecture on "Signs of Overpressure."—Classes for French (Madlle. Duriaux), Slöyd, brush-painting, basket work and Swedish drill have been arranged. A reading circle to read and discuss *Parents and Children* will meet at 9, Pembroke Gardens, on Mondays, at 4.30. Readings to children's nurses will be conducted at the same address on Tuesdays, at 8.30, by a student of the "House of Education." Names should be sent in at once.

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ENTHUSIASM.*

BY MRS. BOLDERO.

"Where there is no vision the people perish."—*Proverbs xxix.*

..... "The fresh to-morrow morn
Seems to give forth its light in very scorn,
Of our dull, uninspired, snail-paced lives."

Keats.

MANY years ago the epithet "Enthusiast" was thrown at me in the heat of an argument by one much older than myself, who considered that the great desideratum in any character was to be unemotional. No one likes to be called names, especially when one is not quite sure of the meaning of them, and I recollect feeling somewhat indignant and aggrieved, as I had then the prevailing vague idea that the term described an extravagant and foolish person. But I have ever since been grateful to my persecutor for I discovered the true meaning and value of Enthusiasm, and can wish for nothing better than to live and die an Enthusiast.

There is probably no quality pertaining to human nature that has had so great an influence in shaping the history of mankind as Enthusiasm. Fanaticism, pride, ambition, have played their part in the world's great drama, and no doubt have effected considerable achievements; but Enthusiasm has swayed the hearts of nations and determined the lives and characters of individuals more powerfully and more permanently than any other quality with which the mind of

* Read at a meeting of the Parents' National Educational Union at Folkestone, May, 1897.