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The Billiard Room.

Now chilly grows the evening air,
The billiard room's no more deserted.
As early falls the sunset fair,
It finds each energetic pair
 To indoor games converted.
The tables three provide good sport
For players keen, of every sort.

On table one, I found the fun.
As usual, 'twas engaged for snooker.
The score and two balls skipped about,
Till suddenly I heard a shout
 From player and onlooker.
It's quite a jolly sort of game,
Requiring skill though, all the same.

Then table two produced a game,
That quickly claimed my deep attention.
One player, with a well-known name,
That soon we'll miss, was earning fame
 By proving his contention,
"No leave is safe, however rough,
If one but hits them hard enough."

But when I came to table three,
I saw some high-class billiard playing.
"What touch, how delicate, and free,
I wonder if they'll play with me,"
 I heard a neighbour saying.
Till someone whispered in his ear,
"They're visitors, they don't live here."

THE PIERROT.

"Has the Autumn Show been postponed because the 'present crisis' has caused the cabbages to lose heart?" asked a wag.
That's a question for the kitchener.

Out and About.

[By W.E.R.]

This is the "fall of the year," and anyone who fails to appreciate the full meaning of the term should take a stroll along a certain well-known chestnut avenue in Ealing; if he escapes with but a dent in his hat he will be fortunate. The chestnuts have a knack of falling just as one is passing beneath them, and the small boys who, by hurling sticks and stones at the "conquers" seek to assist "the fall," have eyes for but one pedestrian—the policeman. While doctoring the bruises I received recently in that avenue, I determined to give myself no rest until I had endeavoured to found a society, whose one aim it should be to dedicate all chestnut avenues to small boys and their descendants for ever.

Brentham audiences have a good name among the artistes who entertain them, but one weakness points to there being something lacking in Brentham's dramatic instinct. When Mr. Ludlow Rhode and Mrs. Holyoake Walke are taking the parts of Romeo and Juliet, respectively, and by gesture and caress are working up the love atmosphere, the audience—at least a fair proportion of the individuals composing it—appear to allow their sense of humour free play. This is unfair to the players, fatal to the plot, and damaging to the audience's reputation. Now, Brentham, if you wish to see something real in the love-making line—lingering embraces instead of sudden grabs, tenderly given and received kisses in place of hasty pecks, and soulful gazing substituted for startled glances—if you do, I say, just give the players a chance.

In vain have I sought for a Brenthamite who has seen with his own eyes any of the phantom Russians; in fact, and let it be counted to Brentham for righteousness, no one who knows somebody who has looked upon the astrakhan-hatted phantoms can be found in Brentham. The most direct evidence obtainable here of the alleged presence of the troops of our Eastern Allies is from a fifth-hand source. The tale told by a Brentham worthy is, that he overheard a colleague speaking of a letter received from a distant friend, who stated that his wife had been told by a tradesman, to whom the news was broken by another customer of his! The story that is told by one of our "quite sure" neighbours, that the hot-potato-can, which serves Brentham Halt, has been running all-night with blinds drawn, is not offered on his own responsibility.

In his report of the Garden Shield judging, Mr. Howard mentions hedges. It is evident that, whilst passing around the estate, visiting the "competition" gardens, the judge was unable to resist noticing some of our horticultural features that were not intended for his official and expert eye. But there, any non-official and non-expert eye could hardly fail to notice that some of our hedges are triumphs of the hedge-trimmer's art, while others are, well—hedges, simply that, and nothing more. Some of the former appear to have been designed with ruler, compass, and set-square, and the scalloping and vandycking reveal the subtlety of curves.

The castle-wall type of hedge-shaping is by no means rare, and although this may not harmonise with the architecture of the adjacent houses, it does not prevent passers-by from wondering if any building exists behind the hedge. For although the height generally favoured is about four feet, there are hedges getting up towards seven or eight feet, while the ideal of other hedge repressors is a stumpy diminutive affair resembling a box-edging. Comical, indeed, are some of the effects. A block of four houses will display the varying tastes of its occupants by being separated from the road by a hedge cut in four varying heights, widths, and patterns, while the eye that is following the undulating curves of the hedge at a corner house finds itself arrested on an incomplete curve by the fact that the next garden commences thereabouts, and the owner has a penchant for straight lines and right angles.

Now this is all as it should be; the artistic man can live next the mathematician in peace, and the shy, retiring man, whose hedge screens even his chimney pots from the gaze of the outer world, is just the man to live on amicable terms with the box-edging idealist. Each to his taste then, incongruous though the results may be, but a protest must be made against the hedge that covers most of the path-way and the hedge that allows the sun to peep over it only at noon. There is, too, the hedge that makes it impossible for visitors to enter the gate in wet weather without a soaking, and I leave allotment-holders to say in secret what they think of certain once wide back entrances.

Mr. Bartholomew is a popular choice of the House Committee for the secretaryship. He is one of the "club-members-elected" representatives, and makes it a hobby to find out what the club members want. No one imagines that the purely secretarial work of the Committee is arduous, but we all know that the work that matters, the satisfying of the requirements of the various organisations, is unceasing.

The Concert.

(In aid of the Funds of the Brentham Protection Association).

The reputation which Brentham has justly acquired for concerts, together with the excellent object to be benefited, drew a house full to overflowing for the first concert of the season. The programme was distinctly good, though not of such uniform excellence as some which surprised and delighted us last season, and our praises and thanks are due to Mr. E. J. Girten for his success in arranging and stage-managing it.

We had been charmed last season by Mr. Howarth as a soloist for the Choral Society, and were delighted to hear his artistic rendering of "The English Rose" once more. Mr. Allwood is another favourite who needs no introduction to Brentham audiences, and his song, "Drake's Drum," was enthusiastically encored, while Miss Daisy More's singing of "Plum Stones" was greatly appreciated. The sketch, "The Colonel's Consent," which concluded the programme, was well acted. One of the hardest things, and yet the most essential of all, that sketch artistes have to do, is to forget entirely their own identities, and to become, for the time being, the characters they are endeavouring to portray. In this, our audiences do not always help, and when some among the audience audibly remembered the names borne in private life by certain members of the cast, one felt that the hot-tempered colonel might have justly rapped out another "Don't do it."

SISYPHUS.

On Dit.

That Brentham is gradually "going to the front."

That the Camera Club's room is at last being used.

That several people are not as sure as they once were that they can speak French.

That Gloucestershire is a lucky county.

That some sections have shown themselves fond of *ringing* the changes by adopting the title of "Circle."

That it's much easier to bring potatoes from the railway allotments now the gate on the path is kept locked.

ANON.

Brentham Gardens Shield Competition.

REPORT.

I had the pleasure of judging the gardens on two occasions, and, to take them as a whole, there was a considerable improvement on 1913, and this helped to make Brentham Suburb a Garden Suburb in fact as well as in name. The five gardens which were awarded the highest number of points were exceptionally well kept, and it took considerable time and judgment to award the points. I consider a proper conclusion was arrived at in the end. The three best gardens must have taken a great amount of time and pains to have got them so near a state of perfection as they are, and the tenant of each is to be greatly commended. The rockwork of 2, Meadvale Road, was particularly good, as was also the rockwork double edging, which I consider quite a novelty. The Golden Privet hedge of this garden was a pattern for others on the estate. I cannot speak as well of all the garden hedges on the estate, as some of them were very badly looked over, and the tenants' attention might be called to the state of them, and an example shown of the good ones.

(Signed) HENRY HOWARD, F.R.H.S.

Mr. J. Harris was awarded the Shield and prize of £2.

Mr. W. G. Burrows was awarded a prize of 10/6.

Mr. R. H. Smith was awarded a prize of 10/6.

Miss E. W. Quinton and Mr. Meadows were very highly commended.

The suggestion of Co-operative dealing as a means of relieving distress led to the proposal of a debate on the subject. The West London Society evidently got to hear of this, and at a meeting and concert in the Institute introduced itself to Brentham. This, however, should not prevent the subject from being discussed at a debate, which should be a prelude of many debates during the coming winter. There are problems of the war, its causes, events, and, particularly, its outcome and ultimate effect that would give scope for much interesting debate. Mr. Bartholomew, the new Institute Secretary, made his name in Brentham as a keen debater, and to him the old hands look to re-kindle the old debating enthusiasm. Just one hint, however. Debating is by no means easy when the debaters sit facing the platform, concert fashion.

The song of the Brentham Buffs, "It's a long way to Perivale O."

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House Committee Page.

The House Committee has decided to endeavour to arrange social functions as usual on Saturday nights up to Christmas. The Committee is conscious that there is some depression, both mental and financial, on the estate as a result of the war, but feels that they should attempt to "carry on."

A programme is in course of formation, and will be posted in the Institute as soon as complete. On alternate Wednesday nights the Dramatic Society has arranged to give readings of modern plays. The remaining Wednesday nights will be occupied by lantern and other lectures.

The House Committee has passed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Frank Chambers, who, since the opening of the Institute, has so ably carried out the duties of Hon. Secretary of the House Committee. Mr. Chambers' departure from the estate will cause general regret, and his loss will be felt by all sections of the Institute's activities.

FIXTURES.

- Oct. 1st.—Annual General Meeting and first rehearsal of the Choral Society.
,, 5th.—First Reading of the French Circle.
.. 7th.—8 p.m., Dramatic Reading, "Fanny's First Play" (Shaw).
,, 10th.—Dance, 8 to 11. Tickets, 6d.
,, 11th.—Sunday. B.S.C. meets.
,, 17th.—Children's Concert, in aid of Belgian Funds.
,, 21st.—8 p.m., Shakespearean Reading.
,, 24th.—"The Players" will perform "Caste."

All members of Institute are eligible to attend Dramatic Readings.

The Library is open free to all members of the Institute on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Brentham Protection Association for War Relief.

One hundred and eighty-four "Slips" have been returned, and promises of contributions amounting to £5 16s. weekly have been made.

One application for help has been received, and two other cases reported to the Committee have received monetary and other assistance.

Two applicants for work have been put into communication with possible employers.

The Secretary has been appointed as "Captain" for the Brentham estate, under the Visiting Sub-Committee of the Ealing National Emergency Committee, with a seat, ex-officio, on the Sub-Committee. He has also been appointed to the local Committee of the Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association. Our existing organisation will be utilised to bring cases of distress before the Ealing Central body. The functions to be exercised are—the reporting of cases and the distribution of relief to those in distress solely owing to the war, and dealing with cases of soldiers and sailors' wives and dependents.

The concert at the Institute on Saturday, the 19th ult., was a great success, and the funds of the Association benefited thereby to a very satisfactory extent, between £6 and £7. The thanks of the Committee are extended to all those ladies and gentlemen who assisted in various ways, and in particular to Mr. E. J. Girtten, who organised and ran the concert.

THE BRENTHAM FRENCH READING AND CONVERSATION CIRCLE will commence the winter session on Tuesday, October 5th, at 8 o'clock, with the reading of "Le Gendre de M. Poirier." Will those requiring copies of the above sign the form on the notice-board of the club? All members of the Institute interested in the study of French are invited.

The fencing-in of part of the field through which we pass to China Alley may be the beginning of the end. Now it is grazing land; next it may be ploughed up for allotments; and then?—an eligible building site!

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Horticultural (Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sadler), 1/- (due shortly).

Dramatic, "The Players" (Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Girtten).

All Institute members may attend readings.

Billiards (General Meeting during October), 6d.

French Circle (Hon. Secretary, Mr. Hearn). Meets on Tuesdays.

Choral Society (Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. Patten). Rehearsals Thursdays; 6d. to Christmas.

Brentham Protection Association (Hon. Secretary, Mr. Shurrock). Inquiries in each case to the Institute, Meadvale Road.

Sunday Circle (Hon. Secretary, Mr. Nolan).

Postcards.

DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

So you have not joined the B.P.A.? You are hard hit by the war, and, plucky chap that you are, intend facing the wolf alone. Well, let the Secretary know, and he'll keep half an eye open in case you hoist the distress signal. If you won't let your neighbours help you, you won't let anyone.

BRENT'UN.

DEAR HOLD'ARD,

So you found an excuse. Not hard up? No! Charitable nature? Yes, wouldn't let a dog miss a meal. The sight of a Belgian refugee makes your heart bleed, and you commence to lay on your kindness with a trowel. What is it then? Well, you say, "the undeserving" might get some!

"Judge not,"

BRENT'UN.

"A futile superfluity of culinary aid
Destroys nutritious liquid of osseous tissue made."

Sections Notes and News.

The Committee of the B.H.S. much regrets
Horticultural. that owing to the present crisis it was obliged to cancel the Autumn Show, which was to have been held on Saturday, August 26th.

By the time this appears, a petition, signed by a number of residents, will have been put before the Ealing Council, requesting that steps be taken to provide allotments for residents in North Ealing as in other parts of the borough. While the trading shed is being used by our Belgian friends, members will please remember that trading will be carried on at 7, Neville Road.

These are changing times, and in order to
B (rentham) keep up to date the meeting, hitherto known as
S (unday) the P.S.A., has taken a new name. With the
C (ircle). new name come new methods in the style of meeting. Will all men and women, who value free and fearless consideration of those matters touching the deeper side of human nature, attend the first meeting of the B.S.C., at the Institute, on Sunday, October 11th, at 3 p.m. The subject for the day will be "Worthy Citizenship," and after a brief opening address the matter will be open for general consideration.

Hockey. A special general meeting was held on the 24th ult., to deal with the situation arising from wholesale scratching of fixtures by prospective opponents. The meeting was in favour of continuing the playing of games as far as possible with scratch teams of members, expressing the hope that fixtures would be obtainable after the necessary requirements for the new Army were met.

The decision arrived at is satisfactory so far, but the Committee must bear in mind that to keep interest up to a high mark efforts will have to be made and example shown, if the section intends to keep moving with "pick up" games.

The demise of a section is sure once the ordinary member notes the lack of interest and effort of its own Committee.

Another decision arrived at was the reduction of the subscription to one shilling; this will entail rigid economy, the raising

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of funds, as in previous seasons, from the profits of dances held in the Institute, being now almost out of the question.

On watching the games played on September 19th and 26th, one was surprised at the good form shown by the younger players, their cute though sometimes unorthodox methods to frustrate the skill of the more experienced player often coming "off."

Before closing these notes, I tender, on behalf of the hockey players on the estate, the sincere wish for success to Mr. Chambers in his new sphere in the educational world.

At all times sympathetic, yet his most valuable asset was the determination to uphold the interests of the sections, not by frontal attacks, as some of us were prone to do, but by flanking movements, to find a less costly way out.

CIRCLE.

Rifle Club. At a well attended meeting, as a result of an offer by Mr. Roberts, of Perivale, to grant the use of his rifle range, on October 28th, this club was formed. The House Committee is to be asked to take the club under its wing, and a strong Committee, with Mr. "Jim" Phillips as secretary, was elected. The chairman (Mr. Allport) assured the meeting that there was every hope that before long Brentham might possess its own rifle range. A further meeting will be called shortly, as soon as the Committee has met to arrange preliminaries, and practice will, as soon as possible, commence at Perivale. Brentham people are not fond of going off the estate for their pleasure and recreation, but as there is a flavour of duty about rifle practice at present, the short route march will not be regarded as a hardship for a short while. A site for the coming range has been discovered. Members with a love for artillery are requested to possess their souls in patience; Horsenden Hill may not be used as a target.

Tennis. Our members will all be sorry to hear that we have lost the services of our Secretary, Mr. Parrington. Let us hope his absence will be only temporary. He offered his services to the State in this hour of trial, and they were accepted. He is one of the ideal secretaries on the estate—always willing to give up his time for the welfare of the section, always cheerful, always ready to give advice when needed, and, what is more important in a secretary, always tactful. We miss him already. Two others of our members have also gone to fight for us—Mr. Fowler and Mr. Sargeant. Good luck to them both, and God-speed and a safe return to the three of them—and to all others who have gone from Brentham.

By the time these words appear in print, the tennis season will be over, and we shall be varnishing our racquets and putting

them away for another season. Well! it has not been a bad season after all's said and done. The ground, perhaps, has not been so good as we might have wished, but we can console ourselves with the knowledge that it has been as good as the majority of grass courts. Yes, and a good deal better than a large number where the subscription is considerably more than ours, so we ought not to complain. In the next issue of this Magazine there will be a notice of the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting. Please take note of the date, as there will be some special business to transact.

We wonder if those hard courts are coming this winter? Even one court would be useful. We know that times are hard, and money scarce, but the making of them would make employment, and I'm sure it would be very gratifying to the Finance Committee to see the fine specimens of manhood and womanhood which they would see on the estate after a season's hard court practice.

THE CAP.

Golf. Through the kindness of Mr. C. Henderson (a member), *Golf Illustrated* have sent the club twelve bronze medals for competition, with the suggestion that the proceeds from such competitions be devoted to a local fund. The Committee welcome the opportunity, and are running six competitions, the entire proceeds from which will be given to the Brentham Protection Association for War Relief. The medals are well worth winning as a souvenir. They are inscribed on one side with the bust of the Prince of Wales and the words, "Prince of Wales Fund, 1914," and on the reverse with the Prince of Wales' feathers.

The competitions are held weekly, and at the time of writing three have been played, and medals won by Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Battin, Mrs. Turtill, Mr. Crutchfield, Mr. De Lacy Lewis, and Mr. Amos.

The Committee have lost the good services of R.Q.M.S. Parington, who has rejoined his old cavalry regiment. Mr. W. Kennedy has been elected to the Committee in his place. Among other members of the club who are known to be serving with the colours, are Q.M.S. C. Ephgrave, K.R.R.; Jim Harris, R.A.M.C.; and A. W. Schnauber.

STYMIE.

Billiards. Members will shortly be invited to a general meeting, and arrangements made for the coming winter. The billiard room is, after all, the married man's solace during the winter.

Cricket Season's Results, 1914.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Games Abandoned.
1st XI.	18	6	10	2	3
2nd XI.	18	5	13	0	2
Evening Games ...	5	4	0	1	—
	<hr/> 41 <hr/>	<hr/> 15 <hr/>	<hr/> 23 <hr/>	<hr/> 3 <hr/>	<hr/> 5 <hr/>

PRINCIPAL AVERAGES.

1st XI.—BATTING.

	No Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Average.
G. F. Royce ...	21	4	69	353	20·7
C. F. Hogley ...	15	0	51	278	18·5
C. Leveroni ...	11	0	73	187	17·0
C. B. Askew ...	24	2	60*	322	14·6
A. J. Bray ...	5	0	26	70	14·0
F. W. Green ...	13	1	38	138	11·5
E. J. Rigg ...	16	3	26	139	10·7
W. Carr ...	26	3	38	227	8·7
F. A. Watts ...	17	3	52	120	8·5
V. F. Critchley ...	11	1	27	78	7·8
A. E. Millard ...	18	1	22	120	7·0
R. Goodyer ...	13	1	26	81	6·7

2nd XI.—BATTING.

H. E. Boxall ...	11	3	20*	87	10·9
P. Roe ...	16	2	34	143	10·2
H. H. Bartholomew	19	1	32	183	10·1
H. Hilton ...	6	2	17	38	9·5
J. Gould ...	14	1	50	111	8·5
G. Richardson ...	12	3	17	73	8·0
A. R. Turtill ...	18	3	29	115	7·7
V. Luks ...	4	0	29	31	7·7
H. Young ...	23	1	27	166	7·5
A. Briggs ...	20	0	31	142	7·1
H. W. Bryceson ...	15	2	16	188	6·7
T. G. Austin ...	14	0	21	64	4·5
G. R. Winyard ...	10	1	20	40	4·4

1st XI.—BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
A. E. Millard ...	139	25	422	49	8·6
G. F. Royce ...	100	17	336	36	9·3
F. A. Watts ...	125	23	317	31	10·2
F. W. Green ...	183	37	433	41	10·5
C. B. Askew ...	238	30	654	53	12·3
C. Leveroni ...	18	0	63	5	12·6

2nd XI.

H. E. Boxall ...	102	5	250	39	6·4
G. Richardson ...	15	3	72	10	7·2
W. Carr ...	14	1	75	10	7·5
H. Young ...	120	19	275	32	8·6
N. Levasseur ...	43	4	159	15	10·6
A. R. Turtill ...	90	20	265	23	11·5
H. H. Bartholomew	88	9	242	18	13·4
A. J. Bray ...	20	2	84	6	14·0
P. A. Roe ...	50	6	69	12	14·0

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