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# Brentham Magazine.

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# Spring Cleaning.

About this season of the year
A dire disease, like measles, rages,
One that the men have learnt to fear,
One that, alas, it seems too clear,
Takes ladies of all ages.
Tis called "The Great Spring Cleaning Germ."
The very thought makes most men squirm.

Its victims ne'er, beyond a doubt,
Just simply do some extra cleaning,
They pull the furniture about,
And turn the place all inside out,
Till "home" has lost its meaning.
It really is enough I think,
To drive the average man to drink.

In, trembling, he comes home to tea, A table blocks the door completely. He journeys to the back to see If he can enter there; dear me! Then knocks, and waits discreetly. "Just half an hour or so, old boy," Sings out the partner of his JOY.

He feels the martyr's thrill of pride, And greets bed-time with heart uplifted. The bed room door he opens wide, Then knocks himself to bits inside, The suite has all been shifted. He murmurs, as he rubs his ear, "At last it's over for a year."

THE PIERROT.

### March Events.

The Rifle Club's Bohemian Concert.—Insisting that I was the "safest" man available, our editor forced a bright red ticket into my hand and despatched me to the hall, on the 6th inst. I promised my wife and family that I would do nothing Bohemian. So, determined to rush away at once should anything unseemly occur, I entered the hall with much trepidation. My mind was somewhat calmed when I observed that many of the ladies present still retained their hats and furs, and as none of them commenced smoking, or doing anything startling, I settled down to enjoy the company of my neighbours, who, seated in groups around tables, or in unbreakable rows of sevens, soon made the atmosphere congenial, if not convivial. The tables, I must explain, were for supporting ash-trays; simply that, and nothing more, until half-time, and then—coffee and cakes.

Mr. Roberts, of Perivale, was in the chair, and his presence was much appreciated by the riflemen and their friends. little speech, when the handicap winners went up for their prizes, was a model. The programme was contributed mainly by residents, who, in spite of the wealth of imported talent seen in Brentham this winter, were well appreciated: -Mrs. Ruffle, in contralto songs; Mrs. Jack Taylor, who, though we hear her less than in the early days, always pleases us; Miss Kathleen Lewis, in popular ditties; Mr. Milton, really clever singing at the piano; Mr. Winyard, our well-liked tenor; Mr. Ward, finely dramatic in "The Last Shot"; Mr. Will Palmer, funny as ever; and Mr. Brownlee, in military song. An early return visit from Mr. Jack Sealey, fixed him for ever as a favourite here. Messrs. Fairchild, Goodridge, Palmer, and Thorpe, of The Players, wound up with an excellent performance of "Humour on the Bench."

Quiz.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Merry Makers'" Concert on Wednesday, the 10th inst., was an exceptional surprise for all present, otherwise, the price of tickets should have been doubled, and the hall packed to the ceiling; it would have been worth something to peep through the verandah window. These young ladies, pupils at a well-known college in Ealing, four as pierrots in black (Cuthbert, Clarence, Claude, and Cholly), and three as charming pierrettes in red (Fay), white (Folly), and blue (Frolic), gave us not only all the love-and-moon business to perfection, but some splendid concerted work, rarely to be seen, even from highly-trained troupes; "Come to the Show," "Cigarette," and "Sunshade Sue," were perfect. Solos, duets, and trios followed one another quickly and easily; there was not a dull moment throughout. Miss K. Sale executed some wonderful solo dancing.

These young ladies, of whom one, Miss Kathleen Harris (Frolic), resides in Brentham, have, by their performances, raised a goodly sum for war charities, and gave this concert in aid of the funds of our own Children's Section.

Oh, shall I whisper it? though I recognised but one face in the party, I fancy Brentham has seen those pierrot hats before, somewhere, on heads less charming! Am I right?

Quiz.

Whist Drive.—On Saturday, March 20th, the Golf Club held its last whist drive of the season, and over a hundred took part. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The M.C.'s had little to do, and their chief amusement consisted in watching the strange assortment of couples who made use of the "flirtation" table. A suggestion has reached me that this table should be screened off. Considerable effort had evidently been made to secure prizes worthy of the occasion; they were much admired. The prize-winners were Mrs. Foord, Mrs. Tollet, Mrs. Royce, Miss E. Brown, and Mr. L. J. Hill, Mr. W. H. P. Smith, Mr. W. Morris, and Mr. Clarke.

The Golf Club has every reason to congratulate itself on the success of its three whist drives, which, it must be remembered, were arranged solely with a view to keeping alive the social side

of the estate.

Solo.

Two Dramatic Readings were given during March to fairly good audiences, who, to all appearances, spent thoroughly en-

jovable evenings.

On March 3rd, we had Bernard Shaw's—more or less—problem play, "The Doctor's Dilemna," and, truly, the same question put to each of us, seriously—that is to say, compulsion to choose life or death for a fellow creature—would sadly tax our powers of close reasoning, and leave us as much in perplexity as was Sir Colenso Ridgeon. The clever work was most entertaining, and the reading of a high order. Mrs. Garrett read a difficult part with feeling and understanding. As "Mrs. Dubedat" she evoked our sympathy for the young wife. The "Doctors" were quite "at home" with scientific terms, and talked of "phagocytes" as though to the manner born. The characters were taken by Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Cowell, Messrs. Ward, Hender, Thorpe, Fairchild, Mackenzie, Darlaston, Goodridge, and Harcourt Hebditch.

Wednesday, March 17th, the play selected was Arnold Bennett's "What the Public Wants" a bright and clever skit on an up-to-date journalistic establishment. The play is a brilliant piece of dramatic writing, and those present enjoyed both the work and the rendering given by the Brentham Players. The brunt of the reading fell on Mrs. Patten (Emily Vernon), Mr.

Fairchild (Sir Charles Worgan), and Mr. Hender (Francis Worgan), all of whom acquitted themselves splendidly, and to their efforts is chiefly due the success of the evening. The other readers who also did well were Mrs. Nicholson, Messrs. Thorpe, Darlaston, Ward, and Mackenzie.

BUTTERFLY.

THE D.G.H.T. DANCE, on March 13th, was well attended; perhaps those big bills did it; perhaps it was because people discovered from last month's Magazine that a lead had been given them; perhaps the mystic symbol, "D.G.H.T.," and the various attempts to decipher it, had focussed attention upon the dances. Considering the splendid support given to the numerous concerts for various charities during this winter, Brentham section members may, with a very easy conscience, support their own organisations.

N.B.-Dances on Easter Monday and April 24th.

CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT. On March 27th, 1915, "Les Cloches de Corneville," while light in texture, is rather exacting in its demands, and, considering the smallness of the choir (there were only twenty-six in all), the performance was of a very creditable nature. It is very pleasant to record a great improvment in the tenors, who in several choruses excelled all their previous efforts. The basses were handicapped by the absence, due to illness, of several of their number, while the sopranos and contraltos maintained to a large extent their usual excellence of tone. Attack, on the whole, was good, though there were a few ragged endings; but the dainty, tripping style of several of the choruses was not attained so successfully as the broad melodies of a chorus such as "Silent Heroes." Articulation, especially among the ladies, was excellent, and this is the more praiseworthy because of the quick time of most of the music. The lack of realisation of their own characters, as servants of the Marquis, remains, and in this connection the Chorus may well take a lesson from the Principals, who won their way with the audience because they put the persons they represented on themselves and, for the time, were the Marquis, Germaine, Serpolette, &c. The Society is to be congratulated on the quality of the Principals, especially Miss M. Lindsay and Mr. Dan Richards, and we shall not willingly forget the trio, "I'll shut my eyes!" with Mr. Llywarch, a member of the choir as Bailie. Gaspard's "Song of the Beggars" and the duet, "My Lord! my Lord!"

Miss E. Martin played as a 'Cello Solo, Minuet, Beethoven, which was in every way, execution and accompaniment, all one could wish for.

The accompanists, Mr. A. G. Cooper and Mr. A. Thompson, rendered excellent service throughout the evening.

H. M. C.

# Press Cuttings.

"A sort of gardening rota to see that the gardens of men serving their country do not suffer," suggests the writer of "Brentham Brevities," in the Middlesex County Times. Excellent idea, but will the rota make quite sure, before entering a neglected-looking garden, that the occupier is really in the forces. Else there may be some slight mistakes.

"No one has taken the hint about that inoffensive bell. This surprises us, as the amount is so small when we think how far it will be heard," says our Parish Magazine. Ah, how far will it be heard? There's a hint, anyway.

"Whom the Brentham Magazine refers to as choosing something deep in the non-fiction line," quotes the Brentham Advertiser, issued oc-kays-ionally from Brentham's Oldest Store (see page 12, advt.). It now only remains for one or two London reviews to refer to the B.M., and it will become really famous.

"CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.—Home wanted for boy and girls, where old-fashioned punishment (birching and spanking) . . . freely inflicted."—M.C.T. small advertisement, March 13th.

After extensive inquiries, we feel certain that neither the

children, nor the home found, is in Brentham.

"Quarrels between tenants are frequent, but we refuse to hear them; they may go to court if so advised."

This, from Co-partnership, quoting on the state of affairs in the Zoroastrian Building Society, Bombay.

Did we think it might refer to somewhere closer home?

March, the last month for the indoor sections, has been a busy one, as our pages testify. The outdoor sections, at the same time, announce the termination of their hibernation:—

"When these prodigies do so conjointly meet,"

"Good reasons must of force give place to better."

'Mongst the number of concerts, you say there were six The Choral Society were able to fix.

"The one at the prison"—at this I demur—
"Was novel to most," so of course you infer

If 'twas " novel to most," with amazement I'm dumb, It certainly woke up the memories of some.

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### VACUUM CLEANER.

The Vacuum Cleaner can be hired from the Institute for 1s. 6d. per day.— Apply at the Institute or Office.

# House Committee Page.

#### FIXTURES.

Monday, April 5th.—Combined Sections' Dance, 7.45 for 8 (third of series).

Saturday, 'April 24th.—Combined Sections' Dance, 7.45 for 8 (last of series).

Wednesday, April 14th .- A G.M. Rifle and Drill, 8.15.

LIBRARY.—Members are requested to return all books not later than Saturday, 3rd April, for stock-taking.

Subscriptions for the year 1915-16 are now due and should be paid to the Secretary's Assistant at the Institute. To resident-investors the fee is 2/6 per year. In addition, members joining any or all of the outdoor sports sections, pay a ground fee of 2/6, and also section equipment fees, detailed below.

Tennis Section.-Hon. Secretary, Mr. Garrett. Fee, 2/6.

Cricket Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Carr. Fee, 4/-; Practice Members, 2/-; Hon. Members, 2/6 (maximum).

Golf Section.-Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. J. Milner. Fee, 1/-.

Bowls Section.-Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Taylor. Fee, 1/-.

Times of Payment, Tuesday and Thursday, 2-11 p.m. Saturday, 6-11 p.m. Also Wednesday, 8-10 p.m.

New residents and non-members are cordially invited to join the Institute.

The Library will re-open on Saturday, April 10th, at 6.30 p.m. No fee is charged, but Institute membership cards must be shown on joining.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the small hall of the Institute, on Wednesday, April 14th, at 8.15 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make it a duty to be present, as there are several important items to be discussed, the chief being the days and hours of opening range, also the necessity for having different range days and hours for winter and summer months.

### Out and About.

That was a pathetic little scene, when Cock Robin was buried recently. Mourners, parson, spade and trowel, all did their parts as in the nursery tale. But who tolled the bell? Alas! no bell could be found in Brentham. But we are promised one, the inoffensive one, when the church-building is complete, and then the little robins may feel sure that no part of the ceremony will be omitted.

Will one of the church towers, which the Parish Magazine suggests may be added to commemorate the fall of Berlin, contain a clock? Perhaps Brentham would be willing to sink its differences regarding the bell and concentrate on the clock, with a face to each of the four winds?

The winter season ends with no likelihood of the Married v. Single football annual taking place. Of course, there is hardly a "single" man left in Brentham; they are in blue or khaki; many too, of the married players of former years are with them. Will the ladies issue a challenge, or shall the fathers challenge all the other married men? One remembers also the time when a "residents v. workmen" match was a keen affair; but, somehow, we've drifted apart.

The telephone bell has serious rivals as a concert disturber. A cash register that takes a fearful gulp with each coin, and the floor-banging applause for brilliant deeds in the billiard room compel notice.

#### ROLL OF HONOUR.

ALTERATIONS: -Trooper H. Foord. Corpl. F. Lacey.

Additions:—Lieut. Brownlee, R.F.A.

Private. J. Milton, 8th Middx.

Mechanic E. Saunders, Royal Flying Corps.

Messrs. Boxall, Bryceson, Downing, and S. A. C. Smith, were chosen for the House Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

### On Dit.

That some people think a telephone is a convenience.

That others find it a source of much worry.

That as many tales are told about it as over it.

That the four elected representatives on the House Committee have arranged a private game of Solo Whist to decide which one would have been left out, had voting taken place for three places only.

That one of the tables in the Reading Room was intended originally for billiards.

That it is much more economical to use it for standing magazines on.

That the most interesting part of the discussion on Cooperative Housekeeping took place afterwards in the lobby.

That this savours of the ladies' favourite part of a letter—the postscript.

ANON.

Attention is called to the annual meeting of the Rifle Club to which the Drill Section is attached—on April 14th.

F. W. G.

Have you any library books? Then see the polite notice on page 9.

The member who desires the "bar made attractive" protests that although it sounded like maid he did not mean that.

Miss Betty MacMorran, of Ruskin Gardens, at the S. & W. London Music Festival, held during March, was awarded a First in the pianoforte competitions.

"Bowls for ladies?" The question will receive a quick answer when the bowlers occupy their new green. Is there to be an official opening, with photographs, tea, speeches, etc.?

A LECTURE on "Co-operative Housekeeping," by Mrs. Alice Melvin, proved highly interesting to the fairly good audience that listened, on the evening of March 24th. The scheme propounded appeared quite unadaptable to Brentham. We can't all live in Holyoake House.

EDITOR'S NOTICE: — All editorial communications should reach the Editor before the 24th of each month. Address—

Hon. Editor,

The Institute, Brentham.

### Sections Notes and News.

Drill. Past month. Military and Swedish drill have been carried out regularly, and the squad is in the process of being initiated into the art of "flag-wagging." Arms drill has not been possible up to the time of writing, as rifles (real or dummy) are not available.

Messrs. Penn, Dover, Young, and Royce have attended forty

drills, and a fair number are approaching that figure.

The "test" shooting has not yet been carried out, but by the practice made by members of the squad, quite a number would

be "marksmen" under the Volunteer requirements.

Good luck to Mr. J. Milton upon joining the 8th Middlesex. Also to Mr. Brownlee upon obtaining a commission in the R.F.A. (Territorial) His assistance and instruction will be much missed by the Drill Section, but he leaves with the very best wishes of every member.

Cricket. A representative gathering of cricketers was present at the annual meeting, on the 16th ult., to hear a favourable report of the past season,

and discuss the programme for the coming season.

The club starts the season with a small balance in hand, and it was decided that, as a fair number of members cannot be spared or are not available for military service, matches should be played when possible. The number of players available will decide whether 1st or 2nd XI. teams will be run. Messrs. Royce and Young were re-elected captains of the teams, and Messrs. Green and Richardson were elected vice-captains.

The new Secretary, Mr. W. Carr, of 18, Winscombe Crescent, and his assistant, will be pleased to welcome new members.

Hockey. Mainly through the good services of one of our players, the section was able to fix up two matches with a team of lads and masters associated with the Southfields School, Bedford Park.

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#### DEPARTMENTS.

China & Glass. Drapery. Ironmongery. News Agency. Stationery. Tobacco. Post Office. The games were played on the 13th and 20th of last month, on two of the rare days this season when the weather god has been kindly disposed to outdoor sport.

It must be recorded here that the form displayed by the visitors was a revelation to a team that has been beaten but rarely

during the last three seasons.

While allowing for the fact that the Brentham "mixed" team was not of the strongest, the visiting lads gave a sterling show against experienced players, not allowing any liberty in the way of breathing time. The work of their forwards was clean and brisk, the halves, a little uncertain at first, soon found the utility of the diagonal pass, while the backs rallied well in many a tight corner.

A pleasing aspect of the games was the keenness shown by

the Brentham player acting as captain for the visitors.

The close of the season having arrived, "Circle" begs to record his appreciation of the support given by members, active and honorary, and trusts—paraphrasing the business circulars—the same may be accorded his successor.

CIRCLE.

Brentham.

Players.

Players.

ANOTHER Dramatic Session is passing into the realms of "has-beens," and one feels, despite the tragic events happening all round, that one pleasant form of recreation is put aside for another season. On March 31st we wind up for 1914/15, and with the Editor's kind permission, next month's issue will contain a report

of the session's work and a balance sheet.

The dances which we, in conjunction with the Golf, Tennis, and Hockey are holding, give promise of success. Two have been given, and two more are fixed, viz., Easter Monday and Saturday, April 24th. Please book the dates, as the hall will easily accommodate at least thirty more than the number present at the last dance. Admission is sixpence, and the music will be supplied by Mr. Gilbert Bushell.

Messrs. Garrett and Milner are two capable M.C.'s, and a very enjoyable evening is assured all attending. J. H. WARD.

Tennis. Easter Monday. This will, of course, depend on the state of the ground, and a notice will be placed on the notice-board of the Institute in due course, stating whether play will be possible or not. Subscriptions can now be received at the Institute. The attention of members is called to the new rule, that a member introducing a visitor shall be responsible for the placing of one portion of the visitor's ticket in a box attached to the notice-board on the ground. If the ticket is not there, the member will have the privilege of paying again.

Golf. The third annual meeting of the club was held on March 19th. In their annual report, which was adopted unanimously, the committee congratulated the club on a very successful and busy year; the membership had nearly doubled and now stood at 140. The question of extending the course was considered by the committee to be urgently necessary. The accounts showed a balance of £2.

On the question of Sunday play, the committee were instructed to take a censns of members. Reference was also made to the long-expected club-house, and the committee are to consider what can be done to provide temporary accommodation, which is sorely needed in that part of the grounds. Possibly, with the co-operation of the Bowls and Tennis Sections, something may be done to meet the need.

The retiring committee—Mrs. Kell, Miss P. Ayres, Messrs. T. Battin, W. Kennedy, de Lacy Lewis, and S. A. C. Smith—were unanimously re-elected. This is an excellent committee, and I should like, right here, to express my warmest thanks to them for the ready help and deep interest they have always shown in the welfare of the club, which has made the secretaryship quite a sinecure. Many necessary improvements on the course will, no doubt, be put right in due course.

Mr. H. H. Lewis, the champion of the club, has kindly offered a prize for a "Mixed Foursome" Competition, to take place during May. Particulars later.

The last social event of the season was held on March 20th.

By the way, subscriptions (1/-) are now due, and should be paid to Mr. E. Taylor, at the Institute.

STYMIE.

THERE was an encouraging attendance at the Bowls. A.G.M., and the interest shown in the proceedings is an indication of the wider sphere into which this section enters, now that the new green is nearing completion. It is expected that the groundman will have three rinks ready for play early in the season. The Secretary's report shows that the club will commence its season with a balance in hand. The subscription was again fixed at the modest shilling, and the club is anticipating a largely increased membership when established at its new quarters. Means will, no doubt, be found to provide for the extra sets of bowls which will be necessary. the great regret of everyone, Mr. Downing was unable to accept the captaincy for the coming season. Mr. John Hearn was elected to the position, with Mr. Shuff as vice-captain, and Messrs. Downing, Hender, Boxall, de Lacy Lewis, and Brown form the committee. Mr. J. G. Taylor was re-elected hon. secretary.

## For the Children.

I have not had any more contributions for our page yet, so I am going to put in one of the two I had last month. It is written by Olive Hearn. Thank you, Olive, for being so interested! I hope you will write some more, and perhaps encourage others to begin.

There lived in Madras, in India, a little girl, called Pearly, who used to sit by her hut wondering what she would do when she grew up. "Ah!" she thought, "I'd like to be a queen and

be lazy, and just read all the time."

It so happened that when she did grow up she was a queen, but she didn't have a lazy time. The people made her sign many papers, and then she pretended she had a headache. But folk knew better, and they shut her up in a dungeon with only bread and water to live on.

One day the warder asked her why she had been so miser-

"My life has been a misery ever since I was nine years of age."

"Oh!" replied the warder, "I see, you had a lazy life!"
But the young queen answered, "Oh, no! when I was a child
I did so wish I could be a queen."

"Well, then, would you care to be a swineherd?"
"I be a swineherd, I never heard of such a thing!"

"Suppose you come with me?" The man took her to the bank of the river, and asked her if she would go across the water without sinking. "If you can," said he, "you will see a hut, where an old man lives. Touch him with this stick, and a miracle will happen." Saying "Good-bye," she left him, and carefully crossed the water.

When she reached the other side she could see the hut, and the old man. She touched him, and he immediately became young and handsome. Near by was a lovely castle. Into this they went together, and were crowned king and queen.

I will tell you one short legend that is told by the Iroquois Indians about the group of stars known as "The Great Bear."

A party of hunters was once in pursuit of a bear, when three monster giants attacked them. All but three of the men were killed. These three, together with the bear they had been pursuing, were clutched by invisible hands, and carried up to the sky, where they remain. The bear is still being pursued by the first hunter with the bow and arrow, the second carries a kettle, and the third carries sticks to light a fire when the bear is killed. It is said that the hunter with the arrow shoots the bear once each year, in the autumn, and the Indians say it is the dripping of the blood that colours the autumn foliage such rich red hues.

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