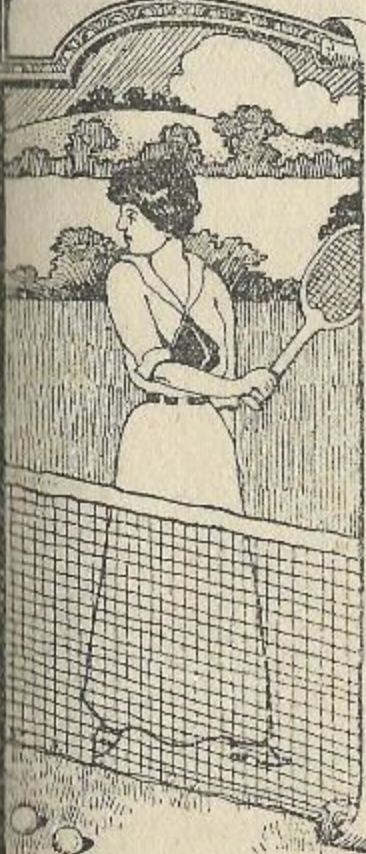


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## The Rose Show.

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One thing on which we all are keen,  
In Brentham here, is surely roses.  
At all the shows to which I've been,  
No better roses have I seen

Than those *our* show discloses.  
For shape and colour, size and scent,  
Just see our roses by the Brent.

Now, how's it done?—To earn rose fame,  
I'll give some facts you must remember.

First, find a rose of well-proved name,  
Then, buy that kind (or sneak the same),  
And plant it in November.

Be sure to give it bottom heat,  
And "heel" it in both tight and neat.

Manure, to keep it warm that year,  
And prune it hard as Spring approaches.  
Then, as the buds at length appear,  
With soft soap mixture make it clear,  
Each green fly there, encroaches.  
Then, stand and hold a shade all day,  
To keep the sun and rain at bay.

Now if you follow all I've said,  
You may, perchance, obtain some prizes.  
Of course, you may catch cold instead,  
Or, through rheumatics, go to bed  
With joints of various sizes.

So here's good luck to every man  
Who raises blooms like Cooper Cann.

THE PIERROT.

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The welcome rain of last week is responsible for the stowing away of much hose-piping; the notice of the M.W.B. was unnecessary.

## Before Brentham Was.

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The starting point for the student of our local history is Haven Green, or The Haven, for from this once wild space, which, prior to the making of the Great Western main line, reached down to the Uxbridge Road, ran the only road by which, in very early times, the dwellers in "Yelling" could reach the high land to the north. This road climbed the Castle Bear Hill, and then turned west and south to "Perryvale" ford and Greenford. Later, in Tudor times, from the top of the hill, where now Castlebar Road joins Mount Avenue, a rough track was formed, running east along the brow of the hill, and known as Pitshanger Lane, a name which has somehow been allowed to slip down the hill. This lane led up to the Mount, where it met the footpath which ran steeply up the hill from Haven Lane. Pitshanger Lane has now become Mount Avenue, and at its far end a field-gate prevents one from following the ancient track to the Mount, which can, however, be reached by an alternative alley, the last few yards of which are actually part of the original way.

"Mount" occurs frequently in street and house names hereabouts. The Mount, or Mount Pleasant, was an old beacon tower standing at the junction of the lane and the Haven footpath; it was built in Elizabeth's reign, and was in its old age (it was pulled down early in the nineteenth century) a favourite tea resort. No trace of its existence can now be seen, and the local historians fix its site by objects no longer existing. Failing to ascertain it definitely, the writer had recourse to Mr. Brampton, whose knowledge of Ealing's past is unique, and he pointed out the garden of the house nearest the reservoir, at the end of Montpellier Road, as the site. The residence is named "The Mount," and is at present for sale. One would like to stand upon its flat roof and think of our forefathers paying a penny, and climbing that old tower in order to enjoy the extensive views that lay all around. Their walk downhill back to the Haven may, however, be followed, although a newly-painted notice board warns cyclists of the dire penalty they risk in using it.

The old hill-top lane did not continue along the ridge to Hanger Hill, but turned down hill north-east until it reached Hanger Hill Lane, near the "Fox and Goose"; it is, roughly, identical with the path that runs beside the new reservoir and through the new railway bridge. In more recent times it passed close by the house of Charles Dibdin, the writer of "Tom Bowling" and many other fine sea songs, which did good recruiting work for the Navy that Nelson led. The house was afterwards known as Dibdin House, but was pulled down and its grounds spoiled when the railway came along. Its only feature still intact is its tennis court, cared for with much tenderness by a party of keen players well known in Brentham.—(*To be continued*).

# June Events.

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THE RIFLE CLUB acted as hosts to about thirty soldiers from Montpelier Hospital on Saturday, June 5th. All the outdoor clubs gave welcome access to their grounds and gear, bowls, croquet, golf, and rifle shooting receiving attention from our blue garbed visitors, who know how to make themselves at home.

After tea, in the Institute, an informal concert was arranged, all concerned helping to make a pleasant time.

A similarly pleasant afternoon and evening was spent on June 19th, when the Cricket Club was responsible for the arrangements. The soldiers appreciate these visits to Brentham, and Brentham is privileged in being able to entertain them; may we use our privilege well.

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A CONCERT on the evening of June 12th, in the Institute, organised by Pte. Herbert, R.A.M.C., and Pte. Hay, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and given by the wounded soldiers from Montpelier Hospital, attracted a record crowd. The audience was as enthusiastic as it was crowded. As a result, a goodly sum was obtained for the hospital funds.

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BOWLS EVENTS.—At Acton, on June 12th, the Bowls Club played its first match of the season, and won easily and somewhat unexpectedly by 68—39. Scores :—

ACTON.				BRENTHAM.			
Mr. Boon's rink	..	...	12	Mr. Hearn's rink	...	...	27
„ Pearce's „	...	...	13	„ Boxall's „	...	...	18
„ Nevin's „	...	...	14	„ Amos's „	...	...	23

The return match was played at home on June 26th, and a well contested game ended in a tie (54). Brentham had the same excellent team which did service at Acton, with the addition of Mr. Grey. Scores :—

BRENTHAM.				ACTON.			
Mr. Hearn's rink	...	...	21	Mr. Boon's rink	...	...	18
„ Boxall's „	...	...	22	„ Pearce's „	...	...	11
„ Amos's „	...	...	11	„ Bull's „	...	...	25

CRICKET EVENTS.—On the last Saturday in May we were successful against Christ Church, Westminster. Brentham made 130, of which G. Royce gave 45, E. Rigg 33, and C. Leveroni 28. Christ Church only made 50, and G. Royce had six of their wickets for 27 runs—another field day for the captain.

Being without a fixture on June 5th, a club game was arranged. G. Royce and G. Young headed teams, and Young's men won. Two innings were completed, but there were no great performances; E. Rigg defied all the bowling, and was twice not out, making 37 altogether. G. Richardson got in a number of his favourite shots, and totalled 36. Charlie Askew made a pair of spectacles, but remained cheerful!

We had a double win on June 12th. At home, the team, led by H. Young, again defeated Christ Church, Westminster. Christ Church made 77, Young capturing 5 wickets for 17 runs. Brentham made 101, of which G. Royce scored 44 not out. In spite of Royce's efforts, the game was going against us till T. Austin went in at the seventh wicket, and played well for a very useful 14. At Boston Farm, C. Askew led the away team to a fine win over St. John's. By strong hitting, St. John's made 134, Askew taking 5 wickets for 46. Brentham then batted well. Hogley made 40, and Rigg 32, in excellent style. Casteldine helped with 14. The bowling was by then reduced to impotence, and Charlie Askew smashed it with seven 4's, making 29 (not out) in eight scoring shots, and bringing our total to 136 for 6 wickets.

We played Paddington 1st on the 19th, and were well beaten. It was evidently one of our off days, for, with much struggling, we just totalled the century, C. Askew being top scorer with 24. Paddington easily made the runs for 4 wickets, MacBean scoring 63 (not out), thanks to our slackness in the field and missed catches.

We played an evening match against Mr. Turtill's eleven on the 23rd and 24th. C. Askew and C. Leveroni dismissed the visitors for 62, taking 5 wickets each. Brentham made 126, G. Royce 30 (not out), E. Rigg 20, and C. Askew 29, being top scorers.

Against Cavendish, at home, on the 26th, we could only make 62, and of those C. Askew made 41. Helped by some smart fielding by H. Bartholomew, and a useful 14 (not out) by H. Young, who played for the visitors, Cavendish won by 17 runs. Unfortunately, S. W. Fowler, the visitors' secretary and captain, was struck in the face by a bumping ball, and had to retire. The wicket was anything but a good one, and was the cause of several other painful experiences. Our wicket-keeper, E. Rigg, deserves praise, and the thanks of the team, for his work under such conditions. Only one bye was registered against him during the match.

BYLKR.

THE NEW OUTDOOR RIFLE RANGE was officially opened on Saturday, June 26th, by our President (L. Roberts, Esq.), supported by T. E. Donne, Esq., A. C. Hyde, Esq., J. J. Dixon, Esq., and H. C. Perry, Esq. (Vice-Presidents), in the presence of a large company of members and their friends. After a few appropriate words, he fired the first shot, and scored a bull's-eye. During the afternoon the Bronze Medal of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs was competed for on the 50-yard range. There were twenty entries, and Mr. H. F. Carter was successful with a score of 93, Dr. Fenton being second with 91.

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### A Home-Made Raid.

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[That new home-made wine corked up too soon may give visions of Zeppelins and ruined pyjamas.—“Anon,” in “On Dit,” June.]

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You'll see “things” after drinking it  
You've never seen before.  
So find at once that telescope,  
And look out for the “Raid”;  
When new “Home-Made” is on the fizz,  
Who says that we're afraid!

MINSTREL.

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There are twenty-eight fire alarms in Ealing. The two nearest to Brentham are:—(1) Montpelier Road, opposite Mount Park Road; (2) Woodfield Road, corner of Woodfield Crescent. There is not one on the estate.

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# House Committee Page.

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## CRICKET FIXTURES FOR JULY.

1ST TEAM.—July 3rd, Cavendish (away); 10th, Norwood Green (home); 17th, West Drayton (home); 24th, Twickenham (home); 31st, Westbourne Park Wanderers (home).

2ND TEAM.—July 3rd, St. John's Men (away); 24th, Great Western Railway (away).

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## BOWLS FIXTURES.

July 14th.—Evening—Pitshanger, at Brentham.

„ 24th.—Pitshanger, at Pitshanger Park.

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## TO AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

The dark room in the pavilion is now fitted up and ready for use. Please inquire of Mr. Taylor for particulars of the Camera Club.

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**LIBRARY.**—The Library is open from 8 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays only.

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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. G. Richardson. Fee, 1/-.

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

Horticultural.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sadler. Fee, 1/-.

Rifle Club.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Phillips. Fee, 1/-.

Times of payment, Tuesday and Thursday, 2—11 p.m.; Saturday, 6—11 p.m.

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

# The Rose Show.

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THE ROSE SHOW was held on Saturday, June 26th, and the Horticultural Society has much to pride itself upon with regard to what was the most successful rose show yet seen in Brentham.

The gardens of the estate are a continual rose show during June and July, and this year an exceptional array of bloom is to be seen. But the Society is not content to leave matters there, and by endeavouring to secure some of the best roses for exhibition, it does much to encourage residents to aim at the highest results.

The tables, which, in other years, have too often offered more accommodation than was needed, were this time well occupied. Visitors were thus given a treat in colour as well as a chance of admiring individual blooms. Competition was keen, especially in the vases class. The winners were:—

Class 1 (Roses, 12 Blooms).—1st, A. G. Cann; 2nd, G. F. Royce; 3rd, W. R. Sutton.

Class 2 (Roses, 8 Blooms).—1st, A. G. Cann; 2nd, G. F. Royce; 3rd, J. F. Hawtin.

Class 3. (Roses, 4 Blooms).—1st, G. Cooper; 2nd, W. R. Sutton; 3rd, A. G. Cann.

Class 4 (Sweet Peas, 4 Bunches, 6 Sprays each).—2nd, H. O. Davis; 3rd, J. Walsom. (1st Prize withheld).

Class 5 (Sweet Peas, 1 Bunch of 20 Sprays).—1st, J. A. Sadler; 2nd, H. O. Davies; 3rd, J. Walsom.

Class 6 (Cut Flowers, one Vase).—1st, Miss Quinton; 2nd, W. R. Sutton; 3rd, A. G. Cann.

Class 7 (Pansies, 3 Sprays of 3 Blooms each).—2nd prize, J. A. Sadler. (Only one exhibit).

Class 8 (Violas, 3 Sprays of 3 Blooms each).—1st, Miss Quinton; 2nd, P. J. McCarthy; 3rd, A. G. Cann.

The very best thanks of the Society are due to Messrs. S. Spooner and Sons, of Hounslow Nurseries, and to Messrs. G. and W. H. Burch, of Peterborough, for their splendid display of cut blooms, which added greatly to the attractiveness of the show, and were much admired. Also to Mr. Arthur Scott, of Haven Green, for his exhibit of household utensils, garden implements, insecticides, and accessories.

A very instructive and interesting lecture, by Mr. G. P. Berry, head Inspector of the Board of Agriculture, upon the subject of club root and cabbage fly, at 7 pm., after the show had been cleared, was attended by an audience of ten, four of whom were ladies.

The object of the lecture was to induce all residents to grow war-time vegetables, also to instruct them to combat the diseases and ravages which most vegetables are subject to, especially club root, which has lately been very prevalent in this district.

## Cut and About.

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The suspension of the rail motor service between Greenford and Westbourne Park means to our City workers a slight inconvenience which, so far, has been cheerfully borne. The cars exist, and the rails and platform remain, but, of course, men cannot be spared for the work. No longer do we see that merry party going over the field to catch the 8.33 each morning, nor do we see and hear that merrier party returning from the 2.7 on Saturday afternoons. Someone has suggested in the local papers that, as compensation for the loss of this service, more facilities for reaching the Thames Valley pleasure resorts from Ealing should be granted. Surely it would be nearer the mark to suggest that a morning and evening Wycombe train that stops at Greenford for two or three passengers should condescend to stop for a few dozen Brentham "seasons."

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In about fifty lines of doggerel rhyme, by Leirion Clifford, used as an advertisement by a firm of jewellers at the Broadway, occur these lines :—

" The river Brent, nor deep nor wide,  
Washes (?) the place the nothern side."

That couplet might be passed over easily were it not for that question mark. The more one seeks its meaning the more annoying it becomes. Finally, the comforting thought occurs : Of course, the northern side of Ealing does not need washing. Ah ! that's it. Then we come to these lines :—

" House ! There was not one to let,  
To buy, to borrow or to get,  
Until at last by Brent they set  
A Monster Garden City "

"City" is bad enough, but "Monster," Ugh !

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Thanks to the efforts of "F.S.T.," of the *Ealing Gazette*, we have been forgiven for causing a crowd to collect at the Institute doors on the afternoon of the 12th ult. Utter carelessness on our part allowed the date of the Rose Show to be wrongly stated on the House Committee Page, although it appeared correctly in the Horticultural Notes. The crowd may have been difficult to find, but our friend, "F.S.T.," is a host in himself.

W.E.R.

## On Dit.

That "Anon" is an interesting *nom de plume*.

That the Editor will not give information on the subject, even though he be deemed guilty.

That "Pierrot" follows the Editor's example.

That "Anon" hereby thanks them both.

That the Junior Section are disappointed that no further facilities for bird's-nesting have been provided on the golf course.

That after half a dozen people had fired several rounds each on Saturday, June 26th, the new range was opened and *the first shot was fired*.

That most members of the Brentham Horticultural Society prefer seeing roses to hearing about "club root."

That the railway allotment-holders are glad the A.S.C. mules are quartered at Park Royal.

That they now look on artificial manures with calm contempt.

ANON.

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The *Brentham Magazine* commences its third year. Gently with the confetti, please.

The Bowlers are to be congratulated upon keeping out of mischief on the evenings of June 24th and 25th.

It is just about a year since the sand first appeared in the children's corner—about sixty tons; there appears to be about sixty ounces now.

So far nothing special is being arranged for August Bank Holiday; it is, perhaps, as well so. But a children's day would not be out of place, with a few events on the lines of the "Anything on Wheels" competitions that were very successful a few years ago. Will someone push it along?

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## Sections Notes and News.

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**Golf.** THE result of the Whit-Monday competition against bogey (omitted from last issue on account of date of going to press) was:—Winners: Mr. Stewart (3 down), Mrs. Turtill (10 down).

Result of May Stroke Competition:—1st Division: Mr. Stewart, 53 (h'cap 3). 2nd Division: Mr. Richardson, 56 (h'cap 7), after replay with Mr. Turtill.

A lark's nest with four eggs was found in a bunker when grass cutting was proceeding. Three eggs are still with the Secretary, and will be given to the first applicants.

The Charity Cup Competition against bogey, under sealed h'cap, is in full swing, and will run until the end of August. Cards are 1d. each, all receipts going to Ealing Hospital.

The preliminary rounds of the Championship were played during the week ending June 26th. Results, together with draw for competition proper, are to be seen in the notice case. A ladies' championship is proposed.

The club will entertain the soldiers from the hospital on July 10th. We hope all members will be present to make them welcome.

The course is in excellent condition, but the attendances are rather poor.

*Championship.*—Twenty-five members (including seven ladies) sent in cards, and all qualified. Two rounds must be played by July 17th—marker to each game.

DORMIE.

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### **Tennis.**

WITH a membership well over fifty, the club is showing all the vigour one should expect at present.

Our ladies' match with Glengarry ended in our defeat by 5 sets to 3. Our players were Mesdames Garrett, MacFarlane, Lyne, Cobbett and Milton, and Miss Carter.

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### **Rifle Club.**

THE "Bell" Medal will be competed for during the month of July (1st to 31st inclusive). The conditions are three declared shoots, two at 50 yards, and one at 25 yards. No entrance fee.

The membership has now reached fifty, but it is hoped that this number will be considerably increased before the next issue of the magazine, and that members will make more frequent use of the range, which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 to dusk, and Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 6 till dusk. The indoor range at Perivale, is open on Sunday afternoons, from 3 till 5, for practice, and the instruction of novices.

J.G.P.

## Bowls.

THERE can be no doubt that the transfer of the Bowls headquarters has justified itself to a remarkable degree. There have been successes all along the line. The present membership is fifty, and is increasing; and the state of the green, under the watchful care of the Captain, is all that can be desired in the circumstances. The names of all joining the section are entered at once on the chart, which records the progress of the season's tournament, in the hope that all will join in the running for the Club Championship. Entries must close, however, within a few days, and the passport to the competition (9d.) should be paid at once. The handicapping for this event is proving quite satisfactory, and some very fine close games have been witnessed. There have been some rare upsets of form, and unaccountably heavy defeats of favourites, which only make the contest more interesting. The finest record at present is held by Mr. Amos.

The club is much indebted to half a dozen of their members for generously defraying the cost of rubber mats to displace the temporary lino on the green. This should be mentioned, if only to show the spirit which animates the club. A new set of bowls has now been added to the effects of the club.

J.G.T.

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A stray swarm of bees that can find nothing better than a coal barn and ancient horticultural documents deserves what it gets. Compulsory study of apiculture isn't all honey.

The annual viewing of the Pink Pearl was slightly hampered by the fact that the road was "up." A steam-roller was brought on the scene in order to prepare a smooth way in time for the show, but the driver suddenly disappeared in order to flatten out the main road to Berlin. However, from stone heaps a good view was obtained, and we hope the driver will have completed his task before the next blooming of the Pink Pearl.

Attention is called to the danger due to the undermining of the banks of the Brent. As a result, the fencing is, for the time being, ineffective, and children, to be quite safe, should keep away from the fence. Near hole 9, on the golf course, exceptional care should be taken, and as the danger of being hit by a golf ball is added, children should regard it as best to keep well away.

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

*Hon. Editor,*

*The Institute, Brentham.*

# For the Children.

## JUNIOR SECTION.

The members of the Junior Section should look at this page closely each month, as all announcements concerning their section will, in future, be found here, and they must look upon this page as their official notice-board.

*The Tennis Section* has been doing well, but has been handicapped by the fact that several unauthorised persons have borrowed racquets, and not returned them. Please note, that no one but members of the Committee is allowed to open the locker where the sports requisites are kept.

All racquets at present in anyone's possession must be returned at once.

*The Cricket Club* has gone on improving. On Saturday, June 19th, Furness Road School, Willesden, paid us a visit, and although able to claim victory on the first innings, was only enabled by time to escape an overwhelming defeat on the second innings. If the Brentham captain had declared his side's innings closed a little sooner, Brentham would have registered a win. On the following Saturday, Southfield Road School, Acton, paid a second visit, and their previous victory was most effectively countered. The Brentham Juniors bowled, batted, and, in particular, fielded well, and inflicted a heavy defeat on their opponents. The Captain (Lawrie Kelley) made a splendid score. I am sorry the actual scores cannot be given this month, but someone must wake up the Secretary, who has failed to send them in time for this magazine, or to Mr. Bartholomew, in time for the *Middlesex County Times*.

How is it so few boys have paid their 3d. subscription to the Sports Club? Material costing 23/- has been obtained for the Cricket Club, and hardly anyone has paid up. Now, boys, that is not the way to encourage people to do things for you.

DEPUTY.

*The Next Operetta*—A Chinese operetta has been chosen for production next Christmas, and is at present undergoing reconstruction. It will be a larger one than last year, with even more music. Practices will commence immediately after the summer holidays. Various children are now being tried for some of the principal parts, but little is settled at present. All those children who wish to take part in it should let me have their names some time this month. I cannot at present take the names of anyone under seven years of age, but will see later on if a scene can be arranged for some of the younger ones. Of course, an operetta is the one thing in which the older lads of manly form and broken voice cannot take part.

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