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To the Refreshment Sub-Committee.

If you would like a real good spree,
And one that you may call tip-top, you are
Advised to come along and see
The Club, that we ourselves agree
 Is getting, oh! so popular.
For many now that stayed away,
Come Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

The tenders of the bar are new;
And, my word, aren't they energetic.
They planned and worked, while custom grew,
Until at last, that busy few
 Became a force magnetic.
And now the cash bell's heard to play
On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

There's Mr. A—— well in the van,
Who works so well, we all respect him.
Then Harry B——, the chap who can
Get anything that any man
 Can reasonably expect him.
Then there's the willing ladies gay,
On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

There's waiters, too, who trot about
On Saturday to wait your pleasure.
By nine o'clock you'll find them out,
And in the billiard room, no doubt
 Get coffee at your leisure.
So come and help to make it pay
On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

THE PIERROT.

September Events

A Concert on Saturday, the 4th, was well attended. The programme was arranged by Bugler Oakley, and the items were given mainly by his colleagues at Montpelier Hospital.

Bowls Matches.—Two have been played during the month against Ealing Conservatives. On September 4th (away), Brentham lost by 64—49. Skips and results:—Mr. Boxall, tie; Mr. Brown, win by one point; Mr. Hearne, loss by 16 points.

On September 18th, at Brentham, the Conservatives again won. Skips and results:—Mr. Hearne, win (22—18); Mr. Brown, loss (13—21); Mr. Boxall, loss (11—21); total, 46—63.

On both occasions the home club entertained their visitors in well appreciated style.

Billiards Redivivus.—A Flying Handicap was held on Saturday evening, September 18th. A goodly number entered, and the billiard room was once more full of life. The short and sharp is likely to oust the quiet and solemn during the coming season in the billiard room. Mr. McKenzie won the final against Mr. Leveroni. Repeat on September 23rd.

Two Whist Drives, one on the 11th, and the other on the 25th, have been held in the small hall. These events have been very cheerful, and with about sixty players present at each, the time should not be far distant when the large hall will again be needed for whist drives. The new Games Committee means business.

Cricket Events.—September has gone without yielding a single victory. At Grove Farm, on the 4th, it was a splendid performance on the part of our bowlers, backed up by smart fielding, to get rid of Steinway, a strong batting side, for 109. Leveroni has never bowled better, and at one point had bowled 13 overs, given only 12 runs, and captured 4 wickets. Askew,

too, was in his best form, and took 5 wickets for 19 runs. Brentham made 36 for 7, and the light failing, the match was drawn.

At home, the match against Harrow Policemen ended in an even draw, Brentham scoring 106 for 5, and the Police 78 for 5. Sharp, Austin, and Lesmond did well with the bat. (Some eminent "did-not-bats" occupied deck-chairs).

Against Ealing Park, at Snell's Farm, on the 11th, our bowlers again did well to get the side out, on a good wicket, for 91. Milliard and Royce each took 3 wickets. Our batting, however, proved very feeble, and in spite of valiant efforts by Millard and Bartholomew, the total only reached 76, and Ealing Park were easy winners.

St. John's Working Men were visitors on the 18th. Six of their wickets were down for 33, but some hard hitting by Crisp and White retrieved the position, and in the end the total was 96. This proved again too many runs for Brentham, and although Hogley played a grand game, going in first and being last man out, and scoring 44 runs, no one else could stick at the wickets, and the total only reached 69. Hayward, a left-handed bowler, had a good time, capturing 6 wickets, and doing the hat-trick.

September 25th saw us again at Snell's Farm. Brentham batted first for a change, and scored the exact century. Hogley and Royce each made 22, and Bartholomew 24, in bright, vigorous fashion. Ealing Park replied by running up 148 for 3 wickets, and beat us again; they are the only club to gain two victories over us this season.

Thus has ended the memorable season 1915. Under the circumstances, we have had a good season, winning 13 games, losing 10, and drawn 5. The weather has been very kind, and we've had a game every Saturday. BLYKR.

Insurances of all kinds! No need to go beyond the borders of Brentham. See advertisement on back cover and page 8. Do it now.

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

*Hon. Editor,
The Institute, Brentham.*

On Dît.

That the House Committee is certainly making a big success of the Club.

That the miracle has happened, and a Billiards and Games Sub-Committee is really making things lively.

That a prominent member of the Refreshments Committee is reminded that the bread-cutter is not intended for joints.

That a certain gentleman makes an excellent waiter for the billiard, card, and ladies' rooms.

That his wife is understood to be surprised that he has not yet broken anything.

That the horse which attempted to play croquet certainly went through the hoop.

That after removing the pieces, M—— was greatly disappointed at not finding anyone to share a bottle of beer with him.

That each ring of the bell in the cash register does not indicate that a member of the Kitchen Card Party has revoked.

That Pierrot's last poem reveals a remarkably quick increase in family.

ANON.

Pot Pourri.

The "Minstrel" boy to the war's not gone.
In the *Brentham Mag.* you'll find him.
No sword as yet he has girded on;
There are too many years behind him.

"A general wanted; no windows."—*M.C.T.* A dug-out, surely!

"Vol. 2 of the *B.M.* being now complete, when may we expect publisher's case for binding?" asks a correspondent. Never! We refuse to be bound.

We are pleased to hear that the effort of five little Brenthamites, recorded on the Children's Page, realised £2 15s. 6d. The children wish to thank both givers and purchasers.

General Horticultural Show Awards

(Continued from last Month.)

VEGETABLE SECTION.

Collection of Four Kinds.—1, J. Walsom; 2, J. A. Sadler; 3, A. E. Senhenn.

Collection of Four Kinds (Special Prize by "One and All" Association).—1, F. V. Edwards. One entry.

Potatoes (dish of nine).—1, A. E. Senhenn; 2, J. A. Walsom; 3, G. F. Royce.

French Beans (12 pods).—1, A. J. Bray; 2, T. Bowles; 3, J. A. Sadler.

Runner Beans (12 pods).—1, J. T. Harmer; 2, E. Roberts; 3, F. W. Green.

Carrots (six).—1, A. E. Senhenn; 2, J. Walsom; 3, A. J. Bray.

Beet (four, turnip-rooted).—1, A. J. Bray; 2, G. F. Royce; 3, J. G. Phillips.

Cabbages (two).—2, H. Meads; 3, J. G. Phillips. 1st prize withdrawn.

Peas (12 pods).—1, J. A. Sadler; 2, A. Preston; 3, F. E. Best.

Peas (20 pods) (Special Prizes awarded by Messrs Daniels Bros., of Norwich, for their Matchless Marrow Peas).—1, J. Walsom; 2, T. Bowles; 3, J. A. Sadler.

Shallots (dish of 25).—1, T. Bowles; 2, W. Thompson; 3, J. G. Phillips.

Marrows (two).—2, W. Thompson; 3, J. Walsom. 1st prize withdrawn.

Onions (six).—1, A. E. Senhenn; 2, W. R. Sutton; 3, J. A. Sadler.

Turnips (four).—1, H. O. Davies; 2, J. Walsom; 3, J. G. Phillips.

Hardy Fruit (two dishes).—1, A. J. Bray; 2, J. Walsom; 3, J. T. Harmer.

Mr. Meadows' poem, "Left! Right!" set to music by Mr. J. Ruffle, was sung for the first time at Victoria Hall. Such a purely Brentham production would, we hoped, have been first heard at Brentham, but we congratulate the writer and composer on the larger waters in which it was launched. We hope to see it figure on a Brentham programme in the near future.

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House Committee Page.

In view of the small attendance at the Institute, and in order to economise in heating, lighting, and cleaning expenses, the Finance Committee, after a conference with the House Committee, have decided to close the Institute during the day time, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

THE INSTITUTE WILL BE OPEN AS FOLLOWS:—

SATURDAY, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

TUESDAY and THURSDAY, 6.30 to 10.30 p.m.

The House Committee is taking over the catering arrangements, and Sub-Committees have been appointed for the purpose.

FIXTURES.

October 5th.—DRAMATIC SOCIETY, 8 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

October 7th.—CHORAL SOCIETY, 8 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

October 9th (Saturday).—Concert in aid of S. Barnabas' Church Building Fund (organised by Mrs. Duncan).

October 16th (Saturday).—Concert by Tip-Topical Troupe (organised by Golf Club, in aid of Montpelier Hospital).

October 26th (Tuesday).—TENNIS CLUB, 8.15. Annual General Meeting.

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

Hockey Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. T. Hebditch. Fee, 1/-.

Billiards, &c.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. J. Goodridge.

Golf Section.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Richardson. 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, 8—11 p.m.; Saturday, 8—11 p.m.

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

Out and About.

The anticipated article on "Back to the Land," by "One who Knows," is held up pending repairs to the back.

A stone-age weapon-head has been dug out of the clay on the new allotments. The finder has decided that it belonged to the original prehistoric Brenthamite, and is at present engaged in deciding whether it was used for anti-rent-paying purposes, or for settling accounts with the "Pierrot" of that day.

Previous to its being set apart for allotments, the ground at the lower end of Brentham Way was regarded as a common shoot for garden refuse. In the opinion of the gentleman who now tills that piece of ground, there is no need for people to take their rubbish elsewhere. He does not like to erect a notice inviting additions to the heap, but is, nevertheless, delighted to watch it grow. His only comment is: "Potash."

The cessation of the weekly appearances of the "Brentham Bulletin" in the *Ealing Gazette* is a sore loss to its many readers. The "Bulletin" usually appeared to be the result of hasty diagnosis, and frequently alarmed the patient into worse ills than he already suffered, but as the bulletins are no longer issued, perhaps the patient is considered out of danger, or past hope. "F.S.T.," with all your faults, we love you still!

Have you missed a post from your front garden—a chain post? The chains disappeared, perhaps several months ago (the occasion was celebrated by a joke about "change" in "Brentham Notes," by "E.J.E.'). The hedge that had grown up and robbed the chains of their duties gave the post removers an opportunity for carrying out their evil work undetected. Hence it was not your eye that noticed the absence; oh, no! You just fell through that hedge one evening as you went to take up your habitual lean-to position in the front garden. Thus was a good pipe of tobacco spoilt, and you wondered if someone else, in a new corner of the estate, might not be enjoying that transplanted post.

W.E.R.

The Library is enriched by the gift of a number of vocal and instrumental scores of classical oratorios and operas. The donor, Mrs. Carr, of Fowler's Walk, has thus commenced what should grow to a well-stocked musical library in Brentham.

Roll of Honour.

ADDITIONS :—Pte. A. W. Fisher, R.A.M.C.

Pte. W. H. B. Smith, R.E.

Pte. A. Webb, R.E.

Pte. B. Pethurst, R.E.

PROMOTION AND TRANSFER :—

2nd Lieut. F. Lacey, 3/12th London Regt. (The Rangers).

Among those Brentham men serving in the Forces who have visited the estate recently are Lieut. Fowler, home wounded from Cuinchy; Sergt. E. J. Ephgrave, previous to leaving for foreign service, for which he has waited with much impatience; Pte. A. C. Bunting, home for a time from Gibraltar; Pte. C. Rowe, home wounded from France; 2nd Lieut. F. Lacey, immediately upon being gazetted. Good luck to them all!

The Editor will be thankful for assistance in keeping the roll up-to-date. Changes of rank, regiment, &c., are constantly occurring, rendering the accuracy of the list entirely dependent upon information received from readers. Thanks!

Book Returns.

[A few books are still missing from the Children's Library.—
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Oh, what about that little book I took away to scan,
Now, was it "Alice Wonderland," or was it "Peter Pan."
I've hunted high, I've hunted low, my brain is all a-swim,
I wonder if it really was the "Fairy Tales of Grimm."
Well, here goes! I'll take that back, Miss Gould shall hear
me wail,
"I never meant to keep it long"—another fairly tale!

MINSTREL.

The Refreshment Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Allport, Bartholomew, Boxall, and Hender, is working very successfully, and has proved itself quite equal to catering for all events at the Institute to the satisfaction of everyone.

Correspondence.

The following letter is the retort of the late Secretary of the House Committee to an editorial request for "copy." Though our readers generally will feel disappointed that he refuses to be drawn, there are those of us "still too solidly in the flesh," who will heave sighs of relief and thanks, for we are spared yet a little while.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Your letter, suggesting that the conclusion of a year's freedom from Institute worries formed a suitable opportunity for reminiscences, came duly to hand. I regret I am not to be tempted. If I were truthful, I should be uninteresting—and then, of course, you would not publish my stuff; if I were interesting, I should be untruthful—and then, I should find the pages of the Mag. equally firmly closed against me.

Besides, the time is not yet for the publication of recollections. The dust of conflict still hangs in the air, and the protagonists are still too solidly in the flesh for me to dare, even at a distance of a hundred miles, to revive the memories of the times when we were getting everything "under one umbrella," and everybody wanted to be either well outside or very near the stick.

Memories, of course, one cannot help having. Memories of good fellows and of many activities; memories of anxious moments and of happy hours; memories of plans that succeeded, and of projects that came to naught. But reminiscences, No!

Yours very faithfully,

AN EXILE.

Tennis.

THE Committee have decided to hold the annual General Meeting in the Institute on Tuesday, October 26th.

As the season is nearly at an end, the usual collection for the Groundmen's Benefit is now being made. The lists are in the hands of the Captain and Vice-Captain (Messrs. Sansom and Goodridge), and if members will hand their subscriptions to them it will save the trouble of calling on each member individually.

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Hockey. HOCKEY has again commenced in Brentham, the Committee feeling that, in spite of the very large proportion of old members who have joined the Forces, there is a sufficiently large number remaining desirous of playing to justify them in keeping the game alive. The younger generation will be given every help and encouragement. In spite of the heat on the afternoon of the 25th, sixteen players turned out on the temporary pitch on the cricket field. A more ambitious game is arranged for this Saturday, October 2nd.

Bowls. A first class season has come to a close, and the deeds, real and imaginary, will be told again on winter nights in the billiard and card rooms. Re the leg-of-mutton supper—just a little patience, please, while the Catering Committee turns up “Caper Sauce” in the Institute Beeton.

Billiards and Games. STRICTLY speaking, these notes should not appear on this page, as there is no “Section” for Billiards or Cards within the meaning of the rules. All members of the Institute are entitled to join in these games without any further fee, excepting, of course, the charge for billiards of 6d. per half-hour for two players.

A Sub-Committee has been formed for the purpose of controlling play in these two indoor games, and with the object of creating further interest in them amongst the members. The Secretary will welcome any suggestions which may help towards this end.

Two very successful whist drives have been held during the past month, at which everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. (Some more than others, judging by the sounds of mirth).

As these were in the nature of feelers, a series will probably be arranged for the winter evenings, with better prizes.

Two Handicap Tournaments, Billiards and Snooker, are about to commence, and *will finish* (bar Conscription) before Christmas, 1915. A Junior Championship Tournament is also to be played, and the prize is a Cue and Case, kindly presented by Messrs. Thurston and Co., of Leicester Square. There will be no entrance fee for this, but only Junior Competitors in the Handicap Tournaments are eligible. Note, “Junior,” syn. “Novice.”

THE MARKER.

Golf.

DURING the month the Ladies' Championship was completed, and, according to general expectation, the honour fell to Mrs. Boxall. Mrs. Everitt was the runner-up, and the final resulted in a very even game. It is greatly to be regretted that some ladies allowed their keenness to get the better of them, and so spoilt what should have been an enjoyable competition. After all, golf is only a game, and we must not take our pleasure too seriously. I take off my cap to Mrs. Kell for marking a difficult final.

On September 4th a very enjoyable Mixed Foursome Competition was organised for prizes given by Mr. H. H. Lewis. The winners were Mrs. Boxall and Mr. Levasseur, but Mrs. Turtill and Mr. Gifford made them go all the way. The prizes were a lady's umbrella and gent.'s military hair-brushes.

Charity Cup.—The marking of the cards is not yet quite complete, but I think I may safely say that Mr. Stewart is the winner, with a score of 2 up against bogey. The next best are Mr. S. A. C. Smith and Mr. Richardson, with 2 down. The season's competitions are now over; they say the Secretary is not sorry—but this is a libel.

May I bring the date, October 16th, before all members and friends? The Tip-Topical Troupe, under Golf Club management, are giving the programme at 8 p.m., the entire profits going to the Montpelier Hospital. So please roll up at 6d. each.

I trust that members will respond cheerfully to the Groundman's Benefit, collecting sheets for which are now being passed round. Please remember that the groundman has been short-handed, has many sections to please, and has done all in his power to meet the wishes of the Golf Committee. DORMIE.

Rifle Club.

ON Sunday, October 3rd, the Indoor Range at Perivale will be re-opened—Sundays, 3 to 5 p.m., and on Wednesdays, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The Outdoor Range will be open on Saturday afternoons from 3 to 5, as long as the weather permits it. It is hoped that now the outdoor sports have finished, the members will make more use of the Ranges.

During the month of October, the *Daily Mail* Certificate will be competed for. The conditions are 10 shots at a 5-bull target. Unlimited entries. No entrance fee. It is also proposed to have a Pool Shoot every Sunday afternoon. Particulars will be announced on the Range.

The following are the winners in the competitions to the end of September:—

"Daily Telegraph" Certificate.—Messrs. Austin and Turtill tie with a score of 133.

"Novices" Competition.—Mr. Knevett, 97, 1; Mr. Dover, 95, 2.

Suggestions from members, with regard to competitions, etc., will always be welcomed. J.G.P.

Children's Page.

Tennis.

The season is now practically over, and some of the missing racquets have not yet returned home. I should be much obliged if the elder children would kindly organise a search-party for the vagrants, in order that they may be safely tucked up for their winter sleep.

Operetta.

The practices for "The Mandarin" are now in full swing and no more applications for inclusion in the cast can be accepted. It is necessary to note that all who are taking part must be careful not to miss any of the practices unless for a quite unavoidable reason. The music and stage-work will require all the practice we can possibly give it, and as we have about twice as many artistes as are necessary, two things are quite clear. One is that it means more work to weld them all into a harmonious whole; and the other is, that those who are irregular in their attendance at the practices will have to withdraw from the operetta.

We are very pleased to have Mr. Mitchell's very able help, and we thank him very much, both for what he has already done, and will do for us in the immediate future.

Messrs. Fairchild, Howarth, and Forrest have kindly offered to design and produce new scenery for us, so we may all expect a perfect setting for our operetta.

The dates for the production of "The Mandarin" are now fixed. They are: December 18th and January 1st. We shall have to work hard to get it perfect by then, but it is quite possible if everyone tries with sufficient keenness.

General.

We are always pleased to see an original idea evolved and carried out by any of our members, and we heartily congratulate Madge Foster and Laura Stevens on the very nice and successful little bazaar they gave last month, in aid of our wounded soldiers. The idea was good, the method of carrying it out was excellent, and the number of visitors is a sufficient guarantee of its success.

H. W. BRYCESON.

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