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Our Outlook.

We are grateful and encouraged by the many messages of congratulation we have received. Our first number was an earnest of what we hope to achieve, and after giving careful thought to the kindly criticism we have suffered, we feel certain that neither a compilation of reports of Brentham's activities nor a sustained effort at "leg-pulling"—inviting though some of the legs appear—can deserve the monopoly of our pages.

"F.S.T." has discovered Brentham's "blot on the landscape in the shape of the long line of railway arches which are to be seen a few hundred yards on the farther side of the Brent." Of course, the arches span the Brent; and the railway embankments and arches do not add to the charm of the valley hereabouts. But surely the graceful arches are preferable to the embankments, and if "F.S.T." will take a stroll on the farther side of the Brent, he will find not the makings of a "panoramic view of Wembley and Harrow," but a few streets of the ugliest part of Alperton; a horror in glazed brick!

The formation of a Brentham Athletic Club seems imminent, and the possibility of Brentham sending its representatives to sports meetings is pleasant to contemplate. The holding of the Thornton Cup would, of course, be one of the aims of such a club, but before the cup is again competed for something must be done to make competing clubs certain of the events that count, and of their exact nature. The 1912 programme was definite upon this, but the 1913 programme was remarkably vague. Will the 1914 events include in the relay race a lap on all fours, and the 1915 competitors be required to enter babes in a three-legged race? You're not having any, are you, "B.A.C."?

The presence of a band in the Park gives much pleasure to people in our district. If band performances were more frequent and regular they would soon become a very important feature of life here. But with only three concerts in eleven weeks, and two of these within eight days, the sounds of music in our Park cause our neighbours something of a shock. Even a brass band cannot live on air, and until the Town Council engages the band and pays it for its services, public band concerts will be given only when our local bands need a little open-air practice.

Hampstead.

I strolled through Hampstead on the day
Co-partnership held fête;
And thought of men, now passed away,
Who met there tête-a-tête.
The Kit-Cat Club, the little pub.,
Yclept the Upper Flask;
Where Richard Steele to evening meal
Friend Addison would ask.
And many other men of fame
That literature and art can name.

Then going on, my gaze soon met
A Garden Suburb bright.
And though July was passing, yet
A *Primrose* was in sight.
First to a tent my steps I bent;
'Twas Horticulture's ground.
And as I came to read each name
On prize cards, lo, I found
That Brentham stood out plain and clear,
As Champions once again this year

Next came a chorister, who said,
"Ah! Who shall recompense us?
Our motto from *Excelsior's* sped
To *Facilis Descensus*."
"Oh, never mind," I cried, "You'll find
Our sportsmen first in field."
And it was so, for well we know
They won the Thornton Shield.
Then cheered at last, he came with us
To Ealing on the Pageant 'bus.

THE PIERROT.

We are requested to remind railway allotment holders that their rents should be paid now. Please see the ganger at once, and save him from working overtime (unpaid).

Our expert gardener (you should see his garden!) will commence practical hints on gardening in our next issue; a horticultural revolution in Brentham is certain.

Cricket Secretary Green has earned the thanks of players and spectators by arranging our first cricket week. Good sport is certain.

Brentham at the Festival.

By various means dwellers in Brentham made their ways to Hampstead Garden Suburb on July 12th. Some found a motor 'bus ride a pleasant means of travel, others at business until two o'clock, dashed to the nearest tube station and managed to regain control of the organs of breathing as they stepped on the platform at Golder's Green; others, it is whispered, following the example set by Julius Cæsar, when that gentleman was travelling in these parts, walked along the Brent's banks. All were keen on sharing in the Festival, which is an annual expression of the Co-partnership spirit. Some had sent their flowers and vegetables to uphold the horticultural fame of Brentham; some gave their voices in choral competition; some showed their ability in athletic performances, and brought honour to Brentham; while others acted their parts in a pageant-play that has become saturated with the air of Brentham.

The choir, stepping off the motor 'bus and walking almost directly into the competition hall, had finished its part almost before it could get used to Hampstead air. Yet it sang very well, three other choirs, in the judge's opinion, singing better. The Excelsior Shield went to Queen's Road, Dalston, and Coventry, mindful of Peeping Tom's little experience of taking in much at a glance, won the sight-reading competition. Away to the pageant ground, and our singers were soon playing a large part in the sounds and sights that make up the pageant, "Merrier England." A large audience, rather awkwardly arranged, and including cinema men with their evil eyes, gave perfect attention.

Meanwhile, about a mile away, the sports were being held, and a handful of Brentham athletes was striving for the mastery over men from other parts of the country. The ladies and children, too, were doing their part, while a small knot of Brenthamites, for a time lost among the other spectators, looked quietly on. Then this little band suddenly showed itself when Jack Hammond, with wonderful knowledge and use of his speed, won the mile walk. Thereafter it was all Brentham, and "the whisper" drowned all other cries. The relay was the crowning victory, and assured Brentham retention of the Thornton Cup.

Then, as dusk was followed by dark, we lighted our lanterns, and started our illuminated walk round the suburb. As we left the hill-top, with its black church standing clear-cut against the dark blue sky, the dwellers joined us in our mediæval costumes; they linked arms with ours, and swelled our numbers tenfold. As we left them outside their club, they roared us farewell again and again. Good-night, Hampstead.

Topical Notes.

Again the word "Skittles" is being whispered around. Strenuous efforts were made two winters back to get a skittle-alley attached to the Institute. Now, if skittles is to be added to our joys of the coming winter, it is to be hoped that the enthusiasts will get along with the preliminaries.

Neville Road could hardly expect to retain, among its residents, a man who claims to have swum the Channel, and who now aspires to sing in op-pop-pop-era. So to Meadvale goes he. But why, oh why, Willie, did you not leave that door-way arch to remind us of you? We are slowly recovering from losing you, but Neville Road will never regain its architectural balance.

Good luck to the embryo Brentham Athletic Club! You mean to keep your eye on the Thornton Cup? Well, just make sure that you know exactly what you have to do next time.

In South Ealing, recently, a board, nailed over a broken window, was to be seen. On the board was written, "This is neighbours." Now, in Brentham, we are almost driven to smashing our own windows, so that our neighbours can mend them. "This is *neighbours*."

An eminent medical man is not attached to the staff of the B.M., but one of the junior office boys has discovered a bunion cure. Here it is:—Stand with the bunion three inches west of the rick stone nearest hole one of the golf course, get a friend to stand at the same distance due east of the same stone, and push the flat top stone. Going to try it?

The *Pall Mall Gazette* motor noter, who referred to Brentham as a place where "quaint creatures subsist upon lentils and mental injections of Fabianism," ought to see our butchers' bills and observe the nightly rush for the *Evening Standard*.

Mr. William Meadows and Mr. J. Harris have our warmest congratulations upon getting first prizes in their respective classes in the *Gazette* gardening competition. Both these gentlemen are essentially not prize-hunters; they "garden" for gardening's sake. To Mr. New and Mr. W. Morris (6, North View) also congratulations. The latter's garden was a concrete-making pitch last winter, and the former will make a good fight to retain the Gardening Shield.

When "Fairy" left us we thought the Brentham Quartette was dead, but now we have a quartette which charmed us at the benefit concert recently. Why do quartettes always look very serious? Perhaps ours is wondering if it is a quintette.

Parents, please note, that the Institute Kindergarten School will close on August 1st for four weeks.

There is a vacuum cleaner at the Institute. It can be hired at 1/6 per day (5 p.m., delivery and return). You must apply by letter to the office or club. You need not send the dust back in the cleaner.

Garden Shield.—First judging is over, and second will take place towards the end of August.

Choral Competition.

WHAT MR. ALLEN GILL THOUGHT.

Thanks to *Co-Partnership* for judge's remarks:—

Test Piece.—Excellent voices, not always together, unequal start, blend not good, basses rather wobbly. Chords uncertain; tone rough in *fortissimo* passages; uneven attack; vowel tone excellent at times. Marks, 41.

Selected Piece.—Attack uncertain; tenors a little too vigorous; voices not blending; rhythm might have been more elastic; words excellently clear; improved as they went along. Marks, 45. Total, 86.

The P.S.A. will commence on September 21st (the speaker will be announced in the next issue). Those who appreciate a Sunday afternoon meeting should send suggestions as to programme and arrangements to Mr. Nolan. The P.S.A. is unsectarian and non-political.

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House Committee Page.

PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST.

- Aug. 2nd.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Harlesden (home); 2nd XI. v. Harlesden 2nd (away).
„ 4th.—Flower Show, 2 p.m.; Social and Dance, 8 p.m.
Cricket—1st XI. v. Ealing St. John's, 11.30 a.m. (home).
„ 5th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Ealing St. John's, 2.30 p.m. (home).
„ 6th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Amherst, 11.30 a.m. (home).
„ 7th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. North Kensington, 2.30 p.m. (home).
„ 9th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Rivercourt (away). Bowls v. Ealing Conservative (home).
„ 10th.—Ramblers' walk to Pinner, 2.30 p.m.
„ 16th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Rivercourt (home); 2nd XI. v. Otto Monsted's 2nd (away).
„ 23rd.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Hampstead Garden Suburb (home). Bowls v. Ealing Conservative (away).
„ 24th.—Ramblers' walk to Ruislip, 10.30 a.m.
„ 30th.—Cricket—1st XI. v. Westbourne Park Wanderers (home); 2nd XI. v. St. Stephen's (away).

The Library is open during August on Saturdays, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

A list has been posted in the Reading Room of the various magazines, etc., that are offered for sale after their period of currency. Members are asked to book their orders thereon.

The House Committee will be considering the winter programme early in August. Suggestions will be welcomed.

F. W. CHAMBERS,
Hon. Sec., House Committee.

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The Catering Committee will buy back the following cash register receipts at 2/6 each, provided that they are dated July, 1913, and represent receipts for actual payments at the bar:—

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Keep your receipts for August, and watch for next month's numbers.

Ladies' Page.

CHILDREN OR TOMATO BEDS?

What, one wonders, would have been the feelings of those who first established the garden city idea, if we had hinted that their scheme carried with it a germ quite as unhealthy as any inhabitant of slumland? It is to be desired, above all things, that everyone should have a garden, that is, space, light and air, but whether it is wise to give a prize because one man can keep a lawn spic and span, or trim a hedge, or grow sweet peas successfully, is open to doubt. Now, I am quite certain that you can do neither of these things to perfection here *and* rear a family as well. To keep the garden spic and span you must either keep out the children or put them on a chain; to keep the children fit you must let them have freedom. Alas! poor garden. I would ask those who present prizes for well-kept gardens, if they have ever considered for a moment what a garden city would be like if everybody within it kept his or her garden, back and front, in a state of perfect order, never allowed a child to dig a hole in the freshly rolled lawn, or to trample upon the tender young plants? That garden city might be gay with flowers, but then, so is the cemetery.

To a thinking person, surely a well-battered wooden horse, minus the tail, is a splendid addition to any garden, and half a dozen dolls, at various stages of déshabille, a more pleasing sight than a row of geraniums, be they ever so perfect.

Congratulations to those mothers I know who have had sons born to them since our last issue. (Names please.—Ed., B.M.)

By the way, what has happened to the pastoral play which the Dramatic Society was going to perform in the open this summer? We must hurry up or the days will soon be too short. How would an English edition of "Chantecler" go down here? We need a few wolves in sheep's clothing to liven us up a bit during this sea-serpent season, or, perhaps, a Rag-time Revue.

I note that "Ruby," "Pearl," etc., are becoming fashionable as girls' names, and I am wondering if anybody will have the courage to continue the series. Who knows? We might yet have "Carbuncle" and "Topaz" as boys' names. If only once it happened plenty more would soon follow suit, but not on the advice of

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Our Reviewing Den.

"Tennis and how to play (at) it," by Petah Khavan, with an introduction by E. Jeff Grave.

This charming volume, by two well known exponents of tennis, makes one wonder if any subject is inexhaustible. Here is a past master of the game finding himself continually learning new things about it. Horrified at the low standard of play of his friends, he rushes into print, and succeeds in mystifying them. The chapters on "What a Partnah!" and "How to Poach," are probably prompted by the writer of the introduction; a victim can know as much as its spoiler.* The author's chief benefit to mankind is contained in the chapter on "Excuses," for here is given a complete and all-sufficient list by means of which players may be certain of appearing unembarrassed whenever losing a point, while, by a curt phrase, a thorough defeat may be turned to a moral victory. The book is beautifully illustrated, the classic poses of the author being depicted with life-like exactness. The chapter, "How to work out a handicap," shows more than a passing acquaintance with higher mathematics.

ON DIT.

That the epidemic in the cricket teams is not catching.

That the "No Dogs Admitted" notices are such that the banned brutes themselves can read them.

That, nevertheless, animals bearing remarkable resemblances to dogs have been seen within the forbidden area.

That tea on the lawn would be perfect if the lawn would get beneath a shady tree.

That the Sec.'s assistant should make an effort to collect the ground fee from the next aviator who crosses the ground.

And that the mysterious "marker" on the west wall of the billiard room is to be used at last.

Somebody also says that honorary secretaries, who post notices on the board, are so strangely deficient in humour, that they do not appreciate the attention their notices receive from anonymous scribblers.

TENNIS CLUB FIXTURES.

Socials.—August 9th and 30th.

Matches.—v. Magpie, August 9th (away); v. Bentinck, 16th (home); v. Otto Monsted, 23rd (away).

“Sections”

The Cricket Club's record for the last month is an extremely good one, only one match being lost. The season's record up-to-date is:—

1st XI.	...	Played	10	Won	7	Lost	1	Drawn	2
2nd XI.	...	"	12	"	9	"	3	"	0
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On June 28th, the date of the abandoned sports meeting, the 2nd XI. met West Drayton 2nd, and won by 2 runs only. Mr. Redfern pulled the team out of the fire by a good innings.

The 1st XI. had a bitter disappointment on July 5th, as their old opponents, North Kensington, arrived late, with six men, and a most uninteresting game resulted. Curiously enough, the 2nd XI. had the same experience against the Lyric Club.

The Festival took many players away on July 12th, but a mixed team beat Ealing St. John's at North Ealing (125—54). Mr. Royce made 40, and other members gave good displays. The Secretary found a spot, and took 8 wickets for 27 runs. The 2nd XI. faced West Drayton 2nd for the third time, and lost by about 50 runs.

On the 19th, the Cuckoo Schools came to play the 1st XI. It rained hard all the morning (in accordance with precedent), and the wicket was difficult. The Schools only made 29, the Secretary again finding a "spot," and taking 6 wickets for 12 runs. After a struggle we mustered 60 runs (Mr. Sutton 17, and Mr. Hogley 15). The 2nd XI. defeated Ealing St. John's 2nd away, thanks to a good all-round display. Messrs. Turtill and Bartholomew played good innings.

The Tennis Club has found a good friend in the recent weather, and the courts have a delightful green appearance. Our match players drew with Glengarry, and lost to Acton Teachers. The tournaments are not proceeding rapidly, and players are asked to fix up their matches as soon as possible. A gents' championship, and a ladies' championship (singles) have been arranged, and the draw for the first round in each is out. Socials will be held during the month (see page 9). It is whispered that a dark horse will emerge victor of the gents' championship; our dark horses are so numerous that the prediction is a fairly safe one. On Saturday, some of our younger members (are they called the "love-birds" team?) went to Haven Green Church Club's ground, and probably forgot the result (win 7—2) as they returned. The holiday season gives many of our readers the rare chance of morning and afternoon play. May they have a first-rate time.

The Bowling Club's congratulations and good wishes on the successful appearance of the Magazine! The necessary economising of space, in one "Section" at least, caused contributor and context alike to suffer, and we pitied the poor Editor. However, that shortcoming, we are glad to learn, disappears with the first number. What the Bowling Club is really anxious to impress upon your readers is that not the least of the many advantages to be enjoyed from life at Brentham is that, unlike other outdoor sports, it is not necessary to be a schoolmaster, civil servant, or other gentleman of leisure to enjoy a full measure of the ancient game of bowls. You may come on to the green at 8 o'clock in these latter summer months, take a pair of "woods," and join in a game straight away, and stay on the green till midnight enjoying the skipper's yarns. And all this for the ground fee and the Bowls' sub. of 1/- "all found."

Our remaining matches are with the Ealing Conservatives (3) and the District Railway we defeated on Saturday last.

The Putting Golf membership is steadily increasing, being now over sixty (including seventeen ladies), and we hope shortly to top the century. There must be many, ladies particularly, who have not yet discovered the fascinations of Putting Golf. Borrow a club and ball and have a *trial* round, or else follow a keen and hard-fought "foursome"—watch the facial expressions when a 6-inch putt is missed, or when a 12-yards putt goes home. (Hear what they say.—Ed., B.M.). As an example of the keen fights that take place; recently, in the Foursome Tournament, a match was won at the 36th hole by an excellent long putt by a lady player.

During the month the following handicap competitions (36 holes) were decided:—

Ladies' Stroke Competition.—Winner, Mrs. Boxall (scratch), 111 strokes.

July 5th.—Stroke Competition.—Miss P. Ayres and Mr. Cobbett tied with a score of 96 net.

July 19th.—Holes Tournament against Bogey.—Winner, Mrs. Franklin Hampton, 7 down on bogey; Mr. R. Askew, 2nd, 12 down.

The same afternoon, forty-three members sat down to tea. The catering was first-class. It is hoped that this is only the forerunner of many similar social events.

The Players will announce their annual general meeting next month, so get your suggestions ready, our season will soon be here.

The Camera Club has just held its annual general meeting. Demonstrations will be given during the winter, and the dark room will be kept well occupied when members start work on their summer snap-shots.

Horticultural Society.—To please all on Bank Holiday is the desire of the E.T.H.S. Committee. In addition to its annual "General" Show, which it is hoped will prove a record in point of entries and quality, it is arranging for a lecture, a demonstration of working bees, and various amusements. Lovers of good music will be delighted to learn that the Hanwell Town Prize Band of twenty performers is engaged to play. In the evening a social and dance, for which the H.T.P. Band will render the music, will be held in the Institute. Now is the time to commence sowing for autumn sown onions and spring cabbage; bulbs for the spring should be ordered now; for backward crops suitable fertilisers have been secured, and members can obtain large or small quantities, with advice as to use, from the Hon. Secretary.

The Hockey Club will commence play towards the end of September, and intending players should see the Hon. Secretary early.

The Billiards American Tournament is now in full swing, and great interest is being aroused by the fight for promotion. There have been several improvements carried out in the Billiard Room recently, and the thanks of the members are due for them. It has been rumoured that new carpet is to be laid round the tables, but that this has been delayed owing to new plant being needed by the manufacturers in order to cope with the work. To those residents who like billiards, and have not joined the section, it is pointed out that to members of the Institute the fee is only 3d. per season.

In the American Tournament, the novices show a disinclination to tackle the experts. Now the tournament is the best way to find out your capabilities; there is always the chance of "chamberising" into the premier position. So roll up and turn what is already a success into the most popular pastime of the Estate.

The Ramblers took a pleasant afternoon trip on the last Sunday in June. Taking train from West Ealing to Uxbridge, the party, under the guidance of the Rambling Hon. Secretary, proceeded by highways and byways to Iver Heath, where tea had been arranged at "The Crooked Billet." After tea, a short stroll through the magnificent trees of Black Park to the lake. After a short rest on the banks of this beautiful stretch of water, the merry trampers resumed the footpath way, via Rush Green and Denham to Uxbridge, where a tram was boarded for Ealing, home, and bed. The Ramblers were joined at tea by the Cycling contingent.

We are now arranging alternate day and half-day trips, which, it is thought, will better suit the convenience of our members. For fixtures for August, please see "Programme for the Month."

Hampstead Sports.

BRENTHAM WINNERS.

75 Yards (Girls).—Miss Alice Meads, 2nd. 100 Yards Flat.—Mr. T. C. Rowe, 2nd. 75 Yards (Boys).—Master Hebditch, 2nd. Tilting the Bucket.—Messrs. Hammond and E. J. Ephgrave. Hod Race.—Mr. Perkins, 1st. Mile Walk.—Mr. J. Hammond, 1st. 75 Yards (Veterans).—Mr. J. C. Roberts, 2nd. Relay Race.—Brentham Team, 1st—Mr. Oakley (running), Mr. Manning (walking), Mr. Hebditch (running), Mr. Shurrock (cycling).

Festival Horticultural Show.

BRENTHAM WINNERS.

Bowl of Climbing Roses.—Mr. W. R. Sutton, 2nd. *Aspidistra.*—Mr. T. Bowles, 1st. *Roses.*—Mr. Royce, 2nd; Mr. Brewer, 3rd. *Sweet Peas.*—Mr. Brewer, 3rd. *Spray and Buttonhole.*—Mrs. Sutton, 1st. *Border Carnations.*—Mr. J. H. Shurrock, 3rd (Stocks also). *Stocks, French Beans, Carrots.*—Mr. J. H. Russell, 1st in each. *Cabbages, Shallots.*—Mr. J. H. Russell, 2nd in each. *Currants.*—Mr. J. H. Russell, 3rd.

Special Prizes.—Ealing Tenants, Ltd.—Vegetables: H. Brampton, 1st; Mrs. McCarthy, 2nd; F. W. Green, 3rd.

Single Vase of Cut Flowers.—W. R. Sutton, 1st; J. H. Shurrock, 2nd; F. W. Green, 3rd.

Sweet Peas.—C. Brewer, 1st; W. R. Sutton, 2nd; H. Brampton, 3rd.

Mathematics has a use even on a garden suburb. We understand that certain sports handicaps entail a considerable amount of calculating and the use of tables by the competitors, and many a schoolboy has had to sharpen up his "Percentages" in order to work out father's rate.

Nellie Gore and Laurie Kelly have won Middlesex County Scholarships. Brentham is proud of them.

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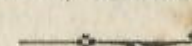
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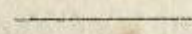
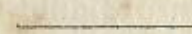
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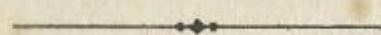
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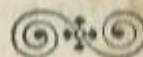

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