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MIDNIGHT REVELS.

I don't know what has happened to our staid Committeemen
To sanction dancing at the 'Stute for four hours after ten,
But though a five-bob ticket admitted only one,
If what I'm told is gospel they could have sold a ton !
The dresses were quite saucy, in fact were rather bold,
If I were half as daring I'd catch my death of cold.
But there, what does it matter, in nineteen-twenty-two ?
When I was young such goings on would never, never do.
I saw a charming damsel in bits of paper clad—
I felt myself go "goosey" when she gave me the "glad."
Another rather struck me, with trousers like a man,
I saw her come towards me, I blushed and off I ran ;
I bumped into old Nero, who had such lovely feet,
In fact I told my missus they looked a perfect treat.
So did another warrior, with armour made of wool,
I think he'd not sufficient pluck the fire alarm to pull.
I twigged my friend the Duchess, with hat somewhat askance,
But with the Duke in mufti she didn't have a chance.
A Rajah, too, was busy fox-trotting with some lace—
I thought he was a real one until he washed his face.
A Ballet girl looked charming ; she wore a lovely smile.
In trying not to look at her I almost cracked my dial.
I asked a simple question of a lady all in black
With a query on her "pinny." I got an awful smack.
And then they turned the lights out, but didn't say a word,
'Twas hard luck on a chappie who'd booked his regular bird.
Just here and there I noticed a naughty married man
Whose wife was minding baby. Ah well ! "San fairy ann."
But some wives trust their hubbies, and think they're awfully good,
In fact, I've not been rumbled—that's just my luck (touch wood !)
I left the scene quite early, before the tired pairs
Had wandered from the dance-room to rest upon the stairs.
I toddled home quite weary, not knowing what to say
To wifie dear at breakfast upon the following day,
I seemed to lose my bearings—it wasn't what I'd had,
On coffee, cake and sandwiches one doesn't feel "a lad."
It must have been the two-step with the little girl in silk ;
The next thing I remembered was a young man calling "Milk !"

ATOMS.

EVENTS.

Lectures, Etc.

February has been a very successful month so far as attendance at and interest in the lectures, etc., is concerned. On the 7th, a member of the Educational Committee, Mr. John Kinsman, a Cornishman, and author of the "Cornish Handbook," talked of Cornish Folk Lore, with the tradition of giants and fairies. On the 14th, Mr. Roffey showed us some of the most celebrated literary landmarks of London on the screen, and chatted in an interesting manner about them. On the 21st, Mr. Cant, of the Communist Party, came and trailed his coat before the debaters of Brentham to such good purpose as to cause a little heat and fire in the subsequent argument for the first time this season. On the 28th, we returned once more to London, this time that of Shakespeare, around which we were conveyed, with the aid of picture and story, by Mr. A. C. Dabbs.

The Players' "Fourth."

On the evening of Saturday, 25th February, our "Players" gave Charles Hawtrey's "The Private Secretary," and a very creditable performance it was. What on earth should we do in Brentham without an occasional Dramatic performance? Whatever is the answer to that question would have to be faced were it not for the little band of enthusiasts who during hours of sectional and general rehearsals prepare such a treat as was given to a packed house on that Saturday evening. More than half of those present, probably, had seen this play at a West End Theatre, and yet there was not a face that did not wrinkle in laughter a hundred times.

To Mr. Will Palmer (Rev. Robert Spalding) and Mr. A. J. Toms (Cattermole) fell the heaviest work of the piece, and a more complete contrast cannot be imagined. They ensured the success of the play, and were admirably supported by Mr. C. Cooper (Young Marsland) and Mr. A. Collier (Young Cattermole).

The somewhat exacting parts of Edith Marsland and Eva Webster were in the capable hands of Miss Kitty Martin and Miss Sadie Salisbury. If only they had had a little more room and a little less furniture to avoid in their frolics! A really attractive portrayal was that of Mrs. Fairchild (Miss Ashford) and Mrs. Blomeley's landlady was an outstanding feature of the first act. Mr. P. Fairchild as Gibson, the aspiring tailor, blustered about just as though he couldn't help it, and of course Mr. Ward's Mr. Marsland, M.F.H., lacked nothing of the "landed gentry" manner. Mr. W. Macfarlane and Mr. F. H. Hender took the small parts of John and Knox with perfect dignity.

By this performance, the Players have set themselves a new level of attainment. To keep at that level will mean a great responsibility.

Announcements.

Literary and Section Matter should be sent to the Editor, 27, Neville Road, Ealing, W. 5, by the 22nd of each month.

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OUT AND ABOUT.

BRENTHAM has quite a goodly stock of customs, good and bad. We place among the latter the "custom" by which a Committee - man seeking re-election to the Society Committee is nominated by "The Committee." Of course, it is a very pretty idea, and probably it is intended to indicate to the mere member that the retiring gentleman is really indispensable.

We do not like to see old workers pushed aside, but we believe that the best way to give them a fair chance of being re-elected is to leave their nomination to individuals. By this "custom" the Committee says in effect: "We recommend this person to you for re-election, we do not want your nominees." A vote given against that favoured one becomes a vote against the whole Committee, and if, indeed, he is totally rejected that body should regard itself as censured.

Another objection is, that when, as this year, the Committee nominates as many of its retiring members as there are vacancies it is asking that the door be shut against all other members.

No, we prefer to call it a "practice" which arises from the schemes of the few; not a custom which expresses the aspirations of the many.

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It is understood that the Dance Committee can consider no more applications from members requesting the arranging of all-night dances on certain stated dates. The emphasis which the applicants place upon the particular date mystified the Committee at first, but by judicious enquiries the mystery was solved. Yes, it would be very nice to enjoy a well-known and versatile member's experience: to be wished (and kissed?) "Many happy returns" in the midst of a fox-trot. That is much more satisfactory than waking up to find that eight hours of one's birthday have already passed.

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Any suggestions for a brighter Brentham? Something to make us all gay is what is wanted. The B.H.S. means to do its little bit of "extra," and a gay flag flying above the shed near the Pavilion must not be mistaken for a sign of mere advertisement. A Rifle Club may fly a flag for utility only, but not the B.H.S.!

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And Hark !
That thrilling call that pierces through the gloom,
Blackbird on thorn :
And See !
Up yearning skywards through the sodden clod,
Purple and gold—

Crocus
And daffodil proclaim again that God
Lives as of old.

Nature
To Love and Loveliness again aspires,
Mankind to bless,

And dons
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Golf	-	-	17/6
Cricket	-	-	15/0
Bowls	-	-	12/6

Allotment rents are due, and may be paid to the Institute Secretary.

The encouraging tone of the Annual General Meeting will go a long way towards the realisation of the optimism which has become almost an asset. The meeting was occupied with less of the non-essentials than usual (the word "piffle" was rather unkindly applied by a member !), and the Committee will return to its task bucked by a vote of thanks as genuine as we remember on such occasions, and a fairly clear idea of the general disposition of the members towards the policy of the Club. The recommendation to enforce shareholding membership should have no ill effect on the numerical strength of the Club, but despite the rather hoary "Christmas" joke, there is a rooted objection to becoming a shareholder on the part of certain residents, and they have exercised their option under the Bye-laws. The chief concern of the writer is to make the Institute a really popular place with practically every resident, an object which has never been anything like attained, and it was partly on this account that the Annual Report especially congratulated the Educational Committee, who have opened up one more avenue to the Institute.

I am asked by Mr. J. Harris, of the Concert Committee, to announce that the proceeds of the Concert to be given by that very popular Concert Party, "The Jazz Beans," on the 18th of this month, will be in aid of a well-known charity. Early application for tickets must be made, as this Concert is a long looked for event, and the seating capacity of our Hall has proved to be quite inadequate for really good shows.

J. G. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

BRENTHAM CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Diary of events for March :—

March	3rd	...	Private Letting (Small Hall).
"	6th	...	Billiard Match. Brentham <i>v.</i> Y.M.C.A., at 7.30.
"	7th	...	Debate on " Douglas Credit Scheme." Mr. J. Whincop.
"	9th	...	Brentham Players (Fancy Dress Dance).
"	10th	...	Private Letting (Large Hall).
"	14th	...	Musical Sketches, etc., by Mr. Stanley S. Bell.
"	16th	...	Hockey Section's Dance.
"	18th	...	Jazz Beans Concert Party.
"	21st	...	Debate. Mr. E. Pacy.
"	23rd	...	Cricket Section's Annual General Meeting.
"	28th	...	Lecture. "Brent Valley Bird Sanctuary." Mr. Wilfred Mark Webb.
April	3rd	...	Private Letting (both Halls).
"	4th	...	Dickens Evening. Mr. E. Wellbeloved.
"	6th	...	Tennis Section's Dance.
"	8th	...	Brentham Players' Fifth Performance. "Gamblers All," by Mrs. Stocks.

The ladies of the Cards Committee held a very successful Whist Drive on the 16th ult., in aid of St. David's Home Comforts Fund, for which over 200 tickets were sold. The Committee desire to thank all those who generously provided prizes or helped in other directions, thus enabling the sum of £15 to be handed over to the treasurer of the fund.

The Billiards Sub-Committee is now dissolved, and Mr. Sebborn has taken over the management of the Billiard Room on behalf of the Central Committee.

The yearly subscription of one shilling for membership of the Brentham Ex-Service Men's Association may be paid any Monday night from 8 to 9 o'clock in the Junior Library of the Institute.

The New Committee of the Children's Section is as follows :— Mesdames Blomeley, Nicholson, Foord, Reading, Ottaway, Ephgrave; Messrs. Hocking, Roberts, Nicholson, N. Hender, C. Royce, J. Ridsdale. Suggestions or offers of assistance, which will be welcomed, should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Children's Section, at the Institute.

T. F. NICHOLSON,
Hon. Sec., Social Committee.

ON DIT :

That a "wiping-up" is not now easily obtained at the Institute.

That the new plate-rack is not entirely responsible for this.

That the table in the Common Room is of the right height for leg dangling.

That a padded edge should be provided for that table.

That just one edge may be left for mere readers of periodicals.

That a street list of Institute members would give a few surprises.

That loving glances have been cast at the clothes props "rustic poles" (so called).

That their real price is not "love."

That the "all-night" dance recalled unpleasant memories to many Papas.

That a radiator does not always provide a dry seat.

That the Children's Committee refused to re-elect itself.

That Junior membership confers no privilege on non-member Mammas.

CONCERT.

"The Evening Stars" made their second appearance in Brentham at a Bohemian on the 10th instant. A long and varied programme was presented showing that as a troupe the "Stars" are improving. Thank ye, Stars !

At the Society's A.G.M. on Monday, 27th February, Messrs. Milton, Ridsdale and Palmer were declared elected to the Committee.

ELOCUTION

Mr. T. V. WHIELDON (Certificated Elocutionist) begs to inform anyone interested, that he intends giving LESSONS in this Art, privately, or in class. Particulars on application to 7, Meadvale Road, Brentham, W. 5.

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(See also page 129).

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SECTION NOTES.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE has arranged for Mr. Ernest Wellbeloved, the well-known elocutionist, to give a costume recital, with incidental music, "An Evening with Dickens," on Tuesday, April 4th. *This recital is not in the course which concludes at the end of March*, and admission is 1/-, plus tax. Tickets obtainable from Mr. Morris or any member of the Educational Committee.

"Flower Cultivation in Suburban Gardens" will be talked about by Mr. J. Forbes, of the London Garden Guild, on April 11th, appropriately fixed just before Easter, when the suburban gardener is preparing for the fray. Admission free.

At the lecture on the 14th March, ticket holders will be asked to indicate, on forms which will be provided for the purpose, the lectures that have appealed to them most during this winter's course.

This is to guide the Committee in arranging the 1922-3 programme.

Hockey Club.**RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY.****GENTS.**

Feb. 4	Bleak House	(H)	Scratched	Feb. 4	Wanderers	(A)	Scratched	
,, 11	Barnes	- (A)	won 5-1	,, 11	Argyll A.A.	(H)	drawn 2-2	
,, 18	Lyons	- (A)	lost 1-3	,, 25	Hyperion	(A)	won 4-3	
,, 25	Neasden	- (H)	won 5-0					

LADIES.

MIXED TEAM.		
Feb. 18	Swifts	- (H) lost 1-4
,, 25	Hyperion	(A) won 4-3

FIXTURES FOR MARCH.**GENTS.**

Mar. 4	...	Boro' Road	-	home	Mar. 4	...	Bentinck	-
,, 11	...	The Square	-	away	,, 11	...	Wanderers	-
,, 18	...	Poly III.	-	away	,, 18	...	Daily Herald	away
,, 25	...	Ivanhoe	-	away	,, 25	...	Daily Herald	home

LADIES.**MIXED TEAM.**

Mar. 12	...	Oxford	-	-	away
,, 26	...	Oxford	-	-	away

Second Annual Hockey Dance on the 16th.

Horticultural Society.

Over one ton of seed potatoes were disposed of within a week of delivery. Members requiring particular varieties are advised to make early purchase as stocks are already low. It is very doubtful whether further supplies can be obtained for sale at the prices now quoted.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a flagmast at a conspicuous point outside the shed. In selecting suitable colours for the B.H.S. flag the Trading Committee have endeavoured to avoid possible arguments with members holding strong political opinions. In common with similar local societies the B.H.S. Committee's only concern is the interests of its members from a horticultural point of view. A yellow flag with blue lettering will in future be hoisted during trading hours as a means of reminding members that the shed is open for trading.

To avoid inadvertent encroachment of the main paths, white painted pegs are being fixed at intervals on Pinches Field. Members having already dug beyond the line of pegs are requested kindly to remedy the transgression.

Football Club.**RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY.**

1st XI.		2nd XI.				
Jan. 28	E.V.A.	-	-			
Lost 0-4	Jan. 28	Bren'd Welcome	Lost 0-7			
Feb. 4	Acton Baptist	Won 3-2	Feb. 4	S. Mellitus	-	Lost 0-1
"	Brent. St. Paul's	Won 7-1	"	18 Y.M.C.A.	-	Scratched
"	18 Y.M.C.A.	Lost 1-4	"	25 Hanwell Guild	-	Lost 0-1

The 1st Division fixture v. Y.M.C.A., played away on December 3rd and finished 5 minutes before time, has been ordered to be replayed in entirety which is not as it should be as the Brentham XI. were waiting a full 10 minutes for the opponents to turn out.

Neither XI. managed to add a point to the record during the month chiefly due to the usual run of ill luck and accidents. A representative team turned out on one occasion, viz., Brentford St. Paul's. Note the result.

March Fixtures as list.

H.C.T.

Billiards.

As a result of the meeting held in the Billiards Room on Thursday, February 23rd, it was decided not to appoint a Billiards Committee, and the control of the Billiards Room will now revert direct to the Central Committee. Mr. Sebborn was appointed as the Billiards players representative and will be glad to receive any suggestions for improvements or attractions. A book has been placed in the Billiards Room in which any suggestions may be written. It was decided to recommend to the Central Committee that ladies be admitted to the Billiard Room.

BILLIARDS MATCH.

v. Central Y.M.C.A. on Monday, March 6th, at 7.30 p.m.

Junior Section.

Owing to the great amount of illness the activities of this section have been to a large extent dormant during February.

The Fancy Dress Dance and Supper was held on the 1st instant and proved to be very successful.

The Annual Meeting was held on the 17th and the Committee for the ensuing year elected.

The attendance was not quite up to expectations however, and it is hoped that this does not imply a lack of appreciation on the part of the parents in respect of the work which has been undertaken by the Committee during the past year.

To those of the old Committee who for various reasons have officially left us for a time we tender our very best thanks.

J.

Golf Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Golf Section was held in the small hall on Wednesday, January 9th, and was well attended by enthusiasts of the Royal and Ancient Game. Mr. S. Smith read the annual report from the chair, and revealed the fact that Season 1921 had passed most successfully and reflected great credit on the retiring officers. The financial position of the section enabled a resolution to be adopted which will reduce the annual subscription (or equipment fee) from 3/6 to 2/6, thus counter-acting to an extent the increase in the annual ground fee which the Central Committee have decided to raise by 2/6. This makes an inclusive fee of One Pound, and considering that the playing season is one of twelve months I think all will agree that fourpence-halfpenny per week is not excessive.

The following members are officiating for Season 1922 : Messrs. T. Austin, H. H. Bartholomew, J. Kinsman, W. Palmer, and A. J. Toms (Committee) with Messrs. J. E. Ridsdale and W. H. Whitehouse as Hon. Sec. and Asst. Hon. Sec. respectively. They will be glad to give full particulars to any one who anticipates joining in this fascinating though not strenuous exercise.

The course has been greatly improved during the past months and there is every prospect of a good season. Various competitions are now under discussion, both novel and otherwise, and the Committee would like all existing members to co-operate in bringing along friends in time to take part.

For the benefit of those who have thought of joining may I say that one putter and one iron are sufficient to commence with (not, of course forgetting the ball), and I am sure the splendid practice that our course affords for approach and green shots will soon convince them that it is a great asset alike to seasoned players and beginners, as well as enabling members to spend many a pleasant hour in a most delightful corner of our grounds.

Full particulars of our competitions will be posted in due course.

A.J.T.

Bowling Club.

The members will be interested to know that we are now affiliated to the Middlesex Bowling Association and the English Bowling Association. In connection with the M.B.A. there are several County Competitions, of which the "singles" and pairs will probably interest the members most. For these two competitions the entries from a club are unlimited. Unfortunately all entries have to be in by 1st March and I am afraid our members will not have much opportunity of "trying their luck" this year, and moreover, a little more practice won't do them any harm.

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Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

A special meeting of members will be held in the Institute on March 20th, at 8.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought advisable, adopting the undernoted amendments of rules in order that the club may increase the total fee to 30/- (including ground fee of 17/6) and provide the balls :--

RULE 3. The subscription shall be 12/6 for members and 10/- for juniors in addition to the ground fees charged by the B.C. & I. All fees are payable in advance and no person is entitled to play until such fees are paid.

RULE 11, line 8 :--After nets insert "and balls."

Lines 9 and 10 :--delete "but members shall provide their own balls."

Tennis Committee Meeting on March 16th, 1922, at 8 p.m.

H.B., *Hon. Secretary.*